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ENSURING SAFE, DEPENDABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A MORE COMPETITIVE OHIO

Record Investments and Innovation Provide the Systems and Services Businesses Need to Succeed

In a state that grows things and makes things we must also be able to move things – quickly, cheaply and safely. Governor John R. Kasich knew that improving Ohio’s transportation network and other public infrastructure was essential to creating a jobs-friendly business climate and ensuring public safety. But that goal was not without challenges. When Gov. Kasich took office in 2011, Ohio had a \$1.6 billion deficit in its highway construction budget and key projects were on a wait-list that was up to 20 years long.

- **Modernizing Ohio’s Highways:** While many other states struggled with repairing and replacing their aging highway infrastructure, Ohio has enjoyed record construction progress on its highways since 2011. A record \$16.4 billion – \$2 billion each year – has been invested in Ohio’s transportation system, without having to raise the state gas tax one penny. By leveraging the tremendous untapped value of the state’s Ohio Turnpike asset and issuing bonds against future turnpike revenues, Ohio was able to put an additional \$1.5 billion investment into its highways and jumpstart key projects ahead of their previously projected schedules.
- **Supporting Local Infrastructure Projects:** Gov. Kasich championed a statewide ballot issue to renew and expand a public works program of grants and loans to Ohio communities. Overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2014, this enabled the governor’s plan to put \$1.875 billion to work in Ohio communities over a ten-year period, helping those communities maintain their vital infrastructure – local roads, bridges, water-supply systems, storm sewers and wastewater systems.
- **Helping Communities Repair Bridges:** The Kasich Administration invested \$120 million to repair and replace hundreds of deteriorating, locally owned bridges across the state. The investment was funded in part through operation savings in Gov. Kasich’s Department of Transportation.
- **Making Historic Investments in Dam Safety:** While Ohio has more than 1,500 public and privately owned dams, the safety of those structures has historically not a priority for state government. For many years funding needed to ensure dam safety did not meet the need, placing lives and property at risk. The Kasich Administration worked to reverse this dangerous trend and focused increased attention, including record levels of state funding, on this long-neglected issue by allocating more than \$317 million for long-neglected rehabilitation and repairs of dams in state parks, forests and wildlife areas.

