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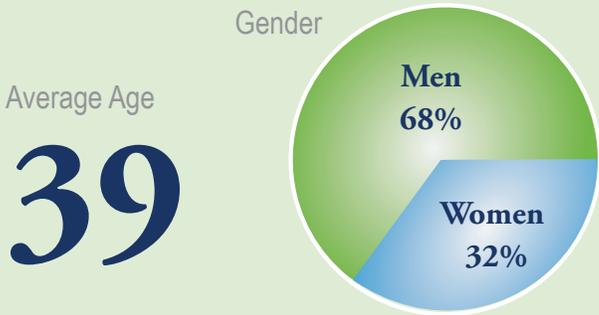
"Big Ideas" Shared

In June 2013, the AO40 project team asked MindMixer participants to share their "Big Idea" for ODOT. Below are a few responses that were received:

"We need more focus on the interconnections between transportation. On moving freight from rivers to trains. From moving people on bicycles and transit."

"Make a bike lane on the road, but separated from traffic. Use the roads we have to create connections throughout the city."

Typical Participant



OHIOIANS WEIGH-IN ON KEY AO40 TOPICS ONLINE

Online for just over 250 days, the Access Ohio 2040 Transportation Plan's (AO40) MindMixer website, www.accessohio2040.com, has attracted nearly 1,400 unique visitors. Since the site's launch in October 2012, participants have offered their feedback related to 34 topics covering various aspects of the AO40 Plan. Ideas and comments submitted through the site will be considered as the final Plan is prepared.

Some of the most popular topics have been related to alternative transportation modes, influential trends, and funding mechanisms. Last month, participants were asked to share what they would like to learn more about in this newsletter. As a result, we have included additional information about our public outreach and future opportunities for public involvement (see page 2) and more details regarding the AO40 Goals and Objectives (see page 4).

Currently, the AO40 team is inviting online participants to identify the greatest transportation need in their region (central, northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest). ODOT encourages you to join the AO40 discussion on MindMixer or invite a friend to do so. The discussion will continue throughout the remainder of 2013.





STEERING COMMITTEE PLAYS ROLE IN NEXT STEPS

As the development of the AO40 Plan progresses through the corridor analysis phase (see AO40 Plan Progress on page 1), ODOT will again reach out to the Steering Committee for input. Feedback from committee members across the state will be essential as the AO40 team looks to identify strategic investment priorities based on the condition and fiscal data obtained for Ohio's transportation system.

ODOT will convene a series of regional meetings with the Steering Committee and other stakeholders in late July. The stakeholders will be divided by the regions they represent: Central, Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest. The Steering Committee members will be provided a map of the strategic transportation system for their region and will be asked if the data analysis is consistent with their experiences working and living in the area. They can also share additional investment priorities that may be missing and discuss other relevant modes. Also in July, a statewide passenger meeting and a statewide railroad meeting will occur. The statewide passenger meeting will focus on bicycle, pedestrian, and public transit strategic investment priorities.

Following these meetings, the AO40 team will modify the regional lists of strategic investment priorities. Once updated, the public will have an opportunity to participate in an online survey to identify their top ten strategic investment priorities. After this process is complete, the AO40 team will finalize the regional lists and develop a top ten strategic investment priority list for the state. The resulting strategic investment priorities will be included in the final Plan anticipated to be completed in December 2013.

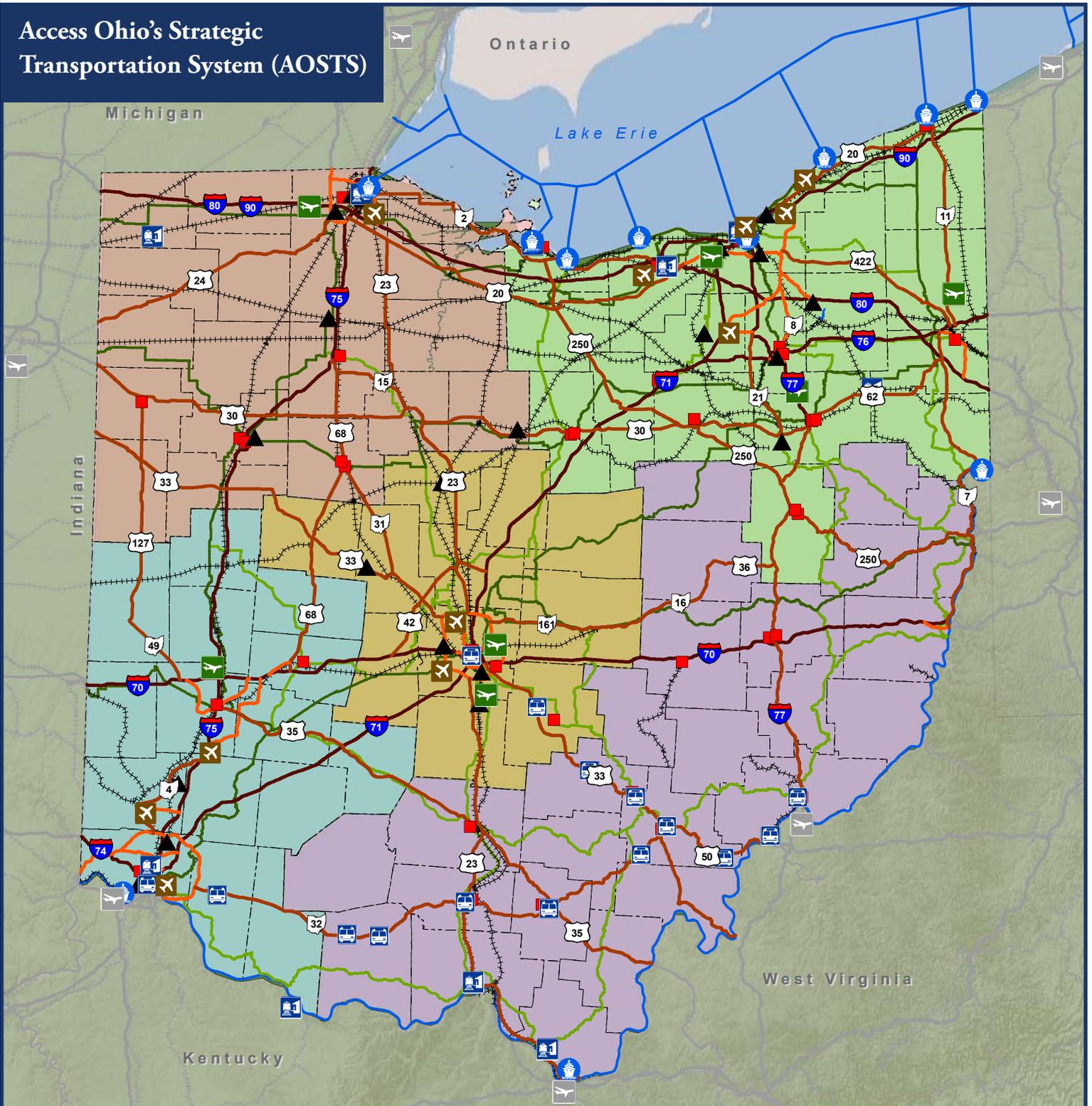
The State of Ohio's Transportation System Revealed

As shown on the map (see map on page 3), the transportation system in Ohio is multimodal and includes roadways; commercial and general aviation airports; passenger and freight rail; water ports; transit; and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These transportation modes were thoroughly assessed for their existing and future conditions.

Overall, the existing transportation system in Ohio is in good condition and has an adequate modal balance. The primary challenge moving forward is to secure adequate funding to maintain, operate, and expand the transportation network. Projections for funding assume that federal and state revenues will grow at an annual rate of three percent and one percent, respectively.

Construction costs are expected to grow at 2.5 percent per year which is consistent with the consumer price index. Based on these estimates, ODOT's revenue through 2040 is projected to be \$41 billion. Revenues estimated for roadway and transit needs are \$55 billion which results in a \$14 billion gap. Ohio has done well in maintaining its transportation system in past decades but will need to secure additional funding to maintain its world-class transportation system.

Access Ohio's Strategic Transportation System (AOSTS)



Legend

- Commercial Airports
- Commercial Airports (Out of State)
- General Aviation Reliever Airports
- Water Ports
- Passenger Terminals (Amtrak Facilities)
- Intermodal Freight (Rail Terminals)
- National Intercity Transit Terminals
- Statewide Transit (GoBus Stops)

Corridors

- National Highway Corridors
- Statewide Highway Corridors
- Highway Beltways and Connectors
- Rail
- National Bike Routes
- Statewide Bike Routes
- Waterways

AOSTS Regions

- Southeast
- Southwest
- Central
- Northeast
- Northwest



Bike Corridors Reviewed

On March 13, 2013, the Access Ohio team met with a group of bicycling experts and advocates from around Ohio to obtain feedback on how the plan should address bicycling. As a starting point, ODOT presented preliminary concepts for the statewide bike corridors. The initial corridors were developed based upon existing trail locations and the characteristics of existing roads, such as existence of bike lanes, shoulder widths, traffic volumes, etc. The group was asked to provide feedback on ODOT's initial concepts for routing and to identify any gaps that were missing in the proposed statewide system. The team has revised the proposed bike corridors based on the group's feedback and has incorporated the proposed statewide bike corridors into Access Ohio 2040.

Additionally, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) designated national bike routes were presented as a subset of Ohio's bike corridors. Since the AASHTO designation provides only a route name and approximate location, it is up to local jurisdictions to identify the specific location for each bicycle route. To date, ODOT staff has nearly completed an intensive coordination effort through multiple cities and counties to formally designate AASHTO Bike Route 50. The advisory group also was asked to assist in prioritizing ODOT's efforts in implementing the remaining national bike corridors. Based on the group's feedback and subsequent input from the Access Ohio website, ODOT staff will next begin work to formally designate Bike Route 21.



GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

Goals, objectives, and critical success factors were developed with input from the Steering Committee, Working Technical Group, and ODOT leadership. The following lists the goals of Access Ohio 2040.

Preservation

- Promote cost-beneficial preservation of multimodal assets.

Mobility and Efficiency

- Reduce congestion and increase reliability for personal and freight travel.

Accessibility and Connectivity

- Increase customer access to state's multimodal transportation system and improve linkages between modes.

Safety

- Continue to improve transportation system safety.

Stewardship

- Advance triple bottom line - financial, environmental, social - for all investments.

Economic Development

- Develop and operate a State transportation system that supports a competitive and thriving economy, attracts new businesses, and provides for predictable freight movements.

GETTING INVOLVED

- Join the A040 discussion on our:
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