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Be a Transit Planner for a Day *Design Your Own Transit System*

COLUMBUS -- May 27, 2014– The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is asking all Ohio residents design the transit system YOU would like to ride. How would you get the most bang for the buck?

ODOT has designed a survey that lets you decide what the priorities should be – and matches those with the dollars it takes to deliver them. The survey also shows the benefits based on how you spend those funds, allowing you to consider the trade-offs decision-makers face as they invest in our transit systems.

For example, if you live in an urban area like Akron or Toledo you may want more bus service, running more often, running more days. If you live in a rural area like Athens or Holmes Counties you may want van service that takes you to shopping centers or medical appointments. Or wherever you live in Ohio, you may want new transit vehicles or new technology that tells you when your next bus will arrive.

All Ohioans are encouraged to take the online survey by June 30 at www.ohiotransitsurvey.com.

The survey findings will assist ODOT in evaluating how transit needs and preferences change by audience, region and experience. This feedback, along with other analysis of Ohio's unique transit needs and the nation's best practices, will shape recommendations produced by the ODOT Statewide Transit Needs Study, expected late this year.

For more information on the ODOT study, visit www.TransitNeedsStudy.ohio.gov

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