

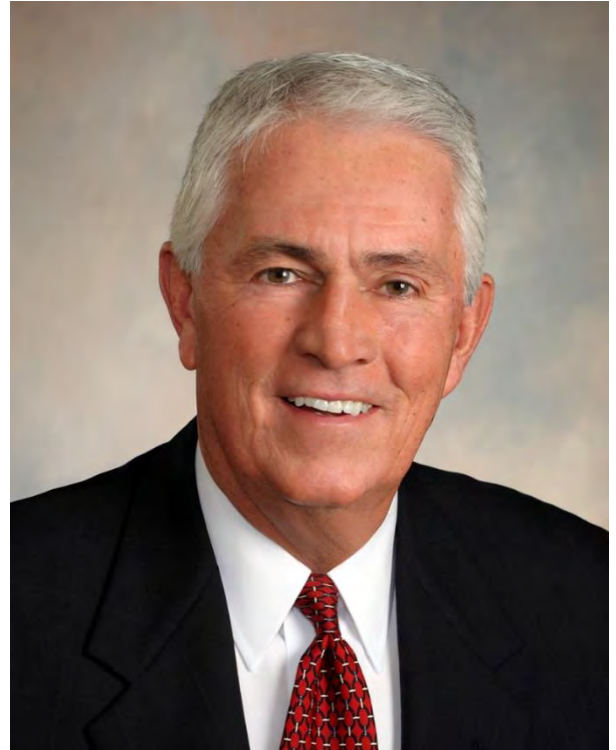


ODOT Director Jerry Wray

Biography

ODOT director Jerry Wray is the only two-time appointed director in Ohio's history - first in 1991 under Governor George Voinovich and then in 2010 under Governor John R. Kasich. Prior to his appointment as ODOT director, Wray was elected three times as a county engineer.

During his first term as ODOT director from 1991 to 1998, Wray vastly improved ODOT's operations, services, and culture. Wray grew the department's contract program by fifty percent, from \$600 million to \$900 million, while at the same time reducing staff by nearly twenty-five percent. Wray's leadership brought forth a new era of open communication with industry, general assembly, local governments and the people of Ohio. In 1997, he created and codified the Transportation Review Advisory Council, charged with developing and overseeing the project selection process of capacity-adding projects greater than \$12 million. Wray's other great achievement includes "Vision 2000," a reengineering plan to decentralize decision-making and better structure the organization to be more efficient at delivering services.



During his second appointment in 2010, Wray again improved operations and invested a record \$16 billion dollars in construction projects in just eight years. Operationally, Wray created the new division of Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion, where the team launched Ohio's first-ever Civil Rights Symposium and improved diversity at ODOT. Through attrition, staff was reduced by nearly fifteen percent. He also launched two new successful hiring agendas, the Veterans Program and second Chance Program. Also, in 2013, Wray and his staff helped add highway workers and other roadside responders to the Move Over law. To further improve worker safety and visibility, Wray developed the Boot, Uniform and Jacket programs for all highway crews working on the road. Under Wray's leadership, the department has won multiple government and industry awards for its products and services as well as making ODOT a great place to work.

Wray is a graduate of the University of Akron with a degree in civil engineering, where in 1994 he was selected as an outstanding alumni. In 1998, Wray was awarded Public Servant of the Year from the Ohio Public Expenditure Council.

He is married to Eva Wray, has two daughters and four grandchildren.