

Breakout Groups

Interagency Working Group Questions

Increase the State's Competitiveness

1. Are there other methods the administration may be employing that we should add under state competitiveness?
2. With technological improvements to the turnpike, such as EZ pass, do you agree that these kinds of ongoing investments will secure the state's competitive standing? How?
3. How can Ohio continue to offer and expand upon transit as a viable choice as this state and its transit agencies face serious operational challenges?
4. What are the transportation issues facing the aging population in Ohio? What transportation system investments are needed to help with these issues?
5. How would you recommend the working group understand the costs and benefits of current land use policies on business competitiveness costs and employee costs?
6. As a regulatory agency, what do you feel is needed to enhance the transportation system productivity in Ohio?
7. Has your agency identified intermodal connections that would increase economic competitiveness in Ohio?
8. How do you feel about the challenges and objectives of #4, are they on track?
9. What are the challenges OEPA faces regulating non-attainment areas, how can OEPA and ODOT work together to reverse/avoid the status?

Connect Transportation System Investment to Targeted Industries

10. Has the Department identified targeted investment needs for transportation that will benefit the agriculture industry in Ohio? If so, what are those needs?
11. Based on your efforts on FAST TRAC and expedited project delivery as well as economic development lessons from task force, do you think the list of #2 tactics is complete?
12. What are the opportunities for system investments from your agency perspective? How best can we achieve them?
13. What are the opportunities for system investments that directly impact ODOD's strategic plan?
14. Does your agency have measurements for how the dollars you invest in the system enhance economic development? Please share if so, if not, do you have recommendations?
15. How can ODOT help the Department of Education meet their goals in growing Ohio's economic base?
16. What type of performance measures should be created to target system investments in Ohio that will meet economic development goals?
17. What challenges has the turnpike faced in making system investments that meet business needs, any lessons learned?

Impacts of Government Land Use and Transportation Policies

18. What policies/programs has the Board of Regents put in place to retain talent in Ohio? How does transportation investment impact those policies?
19. How can transportation and land use be integrated to achieve the goals of your agency?
20. What current land use policies do you feel need changed/reviewed to better support economic development in Ohio?
21. With the construction of new schools throughout the state, are you considering how to locate/rehab schools in areas with easy access via sidewalks, bikes, etc -- so students don't have to be bussed? How can we ensure this is part of the decision-making process?
22. Transportation and access to daycare are two of the major hurdles for low-income populations to get to work. Transit can help, but access to late shift jobs is a problem. Can you help us quantify and more effectively address this problem?
23. What challenges has your office faced with regard to system investment in urban development/redevelopment projects? Are the challenges correctly stated in #3?
24. In your experience, did you witness land use policy linkages to transportation? If not, can you contemplate a role for land use policies, local zoning etc.--linked to utility improvements and transportation as well?
25. Has Ohio's land-use decision making impacted the quality of life for persons with a disability? Will investments in Complete Streets (more accessible to pedestrians and those in wheelchairs) and increased funding for transit make meaningful differences?
26. Based on your experience, how can communities integrate their transportation and land use decision-making process? What actions would best achieve this strategy?

Advance Green Economy

27. What would the role of the OWDA be in achieving these objectives, how can your agency best coordinate with ODOT?
28. What type of data does ODOD have related to economic benefit of moving Ohio businesses to green technologies?
29. What type of tax based incentives could attract a more "green" economy in Ohio?
30. What policies do you feel could accelerate government's role in advancing green technologies/practices?
31. Has your agency instituted any "green" practices, are any applicable to ODOT?
32. What type of business model should Ohio look at to accelerate green practice/technology implementation?
33. How do ODOT and your agency work together to ensure clean air equates to healthy Ohioans?
34. The Clean Air Act and its goals are a factor in decisions made on transportation investments. Are people discussing the intrinsic relationship between cleaner air and transportation? How can ODOT work with you to inform Ohioans about the choices in how they travel and their impact on air quality?