

Breakout Groups

Steering Committee Questions

Increase the State's Competitiveness

1. What are some of the challenges your members have in improving system reliability? What changes in state policy would help improve these challenges?
2. What type of connectivity does the Port of Toledo need to enhance its competitiveness? What do you feel businesses use to make their transportation choice in shipping products?
3. What technologies are enhancing the trucking industry's competitiveness? What can Ohio do to enhance technology on the highway system?
4. How does the aviation industry identify and target system investment?
5. How can transit oriented design and system investment enhance business competitiveness across Ohio?
6. What lessons can we learn from Seattle's/the Northwest's experience with how transportation investments have helped its competitive advantages (freight and passenger rail investments, ports, highways, etc.)?
7. As a transportation professional, what multi-modal investments need to be made in Ohio that can increase system productivity? What lessons has your area of the state learned while making investment decisions?

Connect Transportation System Investment to Targeted Industries

8. What multi-modal strategies and/or policies should be looked at to reduce Ohio's non-attainment status? Has the federal government embraced "green" transportation, if so how?
9. What tactics have you successfully used in Lawrence County that you can share as we increase system investments and/or implement changes to the operation of the transportation system?
10. What are ODOD's priorities for system investment? Where are the opportunities?
11. If you had 2 recommendations for the state to improve our transportation assets, what would they be and what difference would they make to your bottom line?
12. How can ODOT provide seamless operation from one mode to another? What policies help/hinder this goal?
13. Should system investments be made based on the tourism industry in Ohio? What criteria should be used to identify a "tourism" hub in Ohio?
14. What are the biggest obstacles to providing uninterrupted flow from one mode to another? Any suggestions to improve them?
15. When locating a medical institution, what are the transportation factors used in making that decision?
16. What system improvements and expansion would be acceptable to you and what measurements would you like to see ODOT and ODOD present to demonstrate economic development implications of these focused investments?
17. How would the legislature react to prioritizing system investment based on economic development needs across Ohio?

Impacts of Government Land Use and Transportation Policies

18. Can you provide examples of what the younger generation wants in where they choose to live based on your research? Where is Ohio successful? Where is Ohio lacking?
19. Will you stay in Ohio after you graduate, what factors will you use to make that decision?
20. What type of density does your township prefer, how have you seen your community grow as a result of those preferences? What is the cost to maintain the infrastructure based on the township's land use decisions? Can the township measure or track those costs?
21. Since your company is in other states, are there particular state laws and/or land use policies that you can share with us that truly marry transportation investment with land use?
22. What challenges does Ohio have in creating livable communities that promote your center's goals?
23. When you started your business, what did you strategically look for when choosing a location? Why?
24. What policies do you feel are needed to move Ohio forward in creating more livable communities?
25. How is the region looking at transportation expansion and growth? Are you considering performance measures to link funds to investment in Central Ohio?
26. How does the House Transportation Committee feel about transportation development in Ohio? Do members understand all modes of transportation? What can we do to educate them?
27. Has your committee examined policies that impact transportation development? Does "home rule" help or hinder Ohio's land use planning?

Advance Green Economy

28. How are USW members involved in the state's initiative to grow jobs in "green" industries? Are manufacturers across Ohio going "green," particularly in transportation industry? How can the state help your members?
29. What do you feel the economic impact of Ohio advancing "green" technologies would be? How could we measure the impact?
30. Has your agency instituted any "green" practices, are any applicable to transportation in Ohio?
31. Based on your experience in government, what are we missing in state policy that will help us reduce our carbon footprint while growing our economy? What are the future trends in energy/environment that transportation investments can help promote/advance?
32. How can Ohio use its transportation dollars to support an energy-based and "green" economy? Are there new technologies you feel Ohio can capitalize on?
33. What policies do you feel could accelerate government's role in advancing "green" technologies and practices?
34. Has Nationwide Children's instituted any "green" technologies with the large expansion underway at the hospital campus? If so, can you give an example?
35. Do you feel that green transportation technologies improve the air quality? If so, how?