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### **Kasich's Plan Will Invest \$3 Billion in Ohio's Transportation System**

*Many Central Ohio Projects See 13-Year Delay Eliminated,  
Portsmouth's \$440 Million Bypass Project to Begin Next Year*

**CLEVELAND** (Monday, July 22, 2013) – Gov. John R. Kasich today unveiled a robust plan for improving Ohio's transportation system with a \$3 billion investment in infrastructure over the next several years. Kasich's Jobs and Transportation plan will allow the state to eliminate decades long delays on some 41 new construction projects now slated to begin construction as soon as next year in some cases. Several projects from Columbus to the Appalachia will see long delays wiped out.

"By thinking outside the box we're attacking Ohio's highway budget deficit without a tax increase and keeping Ohio's highways in top condition," Kasich said. "Our agriculture, manufacturing and logistics industries, as well as so many others, depend on our world class highway system for their success and the \$3 billion in new funds made possible from our plan keeps them moving so Ohio's economic recovery can keep moving."

Kasich's plan uses money from the Ohio Turnpike to help build many new projects in northern Ohio and will allow many other projects to proceed much earlier than anticipated. Other central and southeast Ohio projects getting Kasich's green light include:

- Building a new highway bypassing the city of Portsmouth in Scioto County (\$440 million and project will remain on scheduled to begin as early as 2014)
- Reconstructing the interchange at I-270 and U.S. Route 33 in Franklin County (\$93.8 million, 12-year delay eliminated)
- Adding a new interchange on U.S. 33 in Carroll at Winchester Rd. in Fairfield County (\$48.7 million, 12-year delay eliminated)

Kasich's recommendations await a vote by the state's independent Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) which is slated for Thursday, July 25. The TRAC was established in 1997 to provide guidance to the state for reviewing and approving ODOT's largest construction projects.

Some funds for the Jobs and Transportation plan were made possible by an innovative plan to issue bonds backed by Turnpike toll revenue dedicated exclusively to northern Ohio. The plan helps fill ODOT's budget deficit without raising taxes that would kill jobs.

Here is a complete list of projects across the state included in the governor's Jobs and Transportation Plan:

#### **CENTRAL/SOUTHEAST OHIO**

1. **Franklin County North High St. (U.S. 23)** – Add an express lane on U.S. 23 from Flint to Lazelle Rd. **Total project cost** is \$7,800,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014, which keeps the **project on schedule**.
2. **Franklin County U.S. Route 23/I-270/SR 315 Interchange** – Reconstruct I-270/SR315, U.S. 23 interchange. **Total project cost** is \$94,800,000. **Construction date under Jobs and**

**Transportation Plan** is 2014, which keeps the **project on schedule**.

3. **Franklin County U.S. Route 23/I-270/SR 315**– Construction of a noise wall at I-270/Linworth Rd. **Total project cost** is \$1,200,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2015. **Time saved** is one year.
4. **I-70/71 Reconstruction**
  - a. **Franklin County I-70/I-71 Interchange** – Reconstruction and widening of SR315/I-70/I-71 as part of the I-70/71 project to improve safety and reduce congestion in downtown Columbus. **Total project cost** is \$86,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2017 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2023. **Time saved** is six years.
  - b. **Franklin County I-70/71** – Phase 2 (East Interchange) as part of the reconstruction and widening of I-70 and I-71 near Children’s Hospital. **Total project cost** is \$235,600,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2017 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2019. **Time saved** is two years.
  - c. **Franklin County I-70**– Construct a new storm sewer along I-70. **Total project cost** is \$4,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2019. **Time saved** is five years.
5. **Fairfield County U.S. Route 33** – Add a new interchange on U.S. 33 in Carroll at Winchester Rd. **Total project cost** is \$48,700,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
6. **Franklin County I-270/U.S. 33** – Phase 1 of the reconstruction of the I-270 and U.S. 33 interchange to increase safety and ease congestion. **Total project cost** is \$93,800,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
7. **Scioto County Portsmouth Bypass** – Construction of a new bypass around the city of Portsmouth. **Total project cost** is \$440,500,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014, which keeps the **project on schedule**.

## **NORTHEAST OHIO**

1. **Cuyahoga County Innerbelt Bridge** – Demolition of existing Innerbelt Bridge and construction of eastbound bridge. **Total project cost** is \$340,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2016. **Time saved** is two years.
2. **Cuyahoga County Cleveland Innerbelt** – As part of the reconstruction of the Cleveland Innerbelt, reconstruct and reconfigure SR14 (Broadway) at I-77 to allow for future widening of I-77. **Total project cost** is \$37,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2016 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is nine + years.
3. **Cuyahoga County I-77** – Reconstruct, widen and add a lane along I-77. **Total project cost** is

\$47,500,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2016 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is nine + years.

4. **Cuyahoga counties I-271**. Reconstruct, widen and add a third lane on I-271 from I-480 East to I-480 West. **Total project cost** is \$131,000,000. **Construction start date with Turnpike funds** is 2016 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 11+ years.
5. **Cuyahoga Opportunity Corridor** – Construct a new road that provides access from University Circle to I-490 and I-77 in two phases. **Total project cost** is \$334,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13+ years.
6. **Cuyahoga County U.S. Route 42** - Widen and reconstruct U.S. Route 42 (Pearl Rd.) from Boston Rd. to Drake Road. **Total project cost** is \$9,300,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2015. **Time saved** is one year.
7. **Lorain County U.S. Route 20/SR 113** – Widen Center Ridge Rd. from three to five lanes in the City of North Ridgeville. **Total project cost** is \$48,718,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2017 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 10 years.
8. **Medina County U.S. Route 42** – Widen U.S. Route 42 to five lanes. **Total project cost** is \$47,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2016, which keeps the project on schedule.
9. **Lorain County State Route 57** – Upgrade the existing I-90/SR 57 interchange and improve access to the 49<sup>th</sup> Street bridge in the city of Elyria. **Total project cost** is \$28,800,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13+ years.
10. **Mahoning/Trumbull counties I-80** – Widen I-80 to six lanes from I-680 to SR 193. **Total project cost** - \$116,700,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
11. **Stark County-Stark Mahoning Transit** –Utility relocation to accommodate upgrades to the transit facility and route. **Total project cost** is \$6,300,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014, which keeps the project on schedule.
12. **Stark County-Stark Mahoning Transit** – To improve transit facilities and route access. **Total project cost** is \$18,600,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2024. **Time saved** is 9 years.
13. **Summit County Main/Broadway Interchange** - Reconstruct I-76 and 77 to improve safety and reduce congestion on the Main/Broadway interchange. **Total project cost** - \$96,400,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2016 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 11+ years.
14. **Summit County I-271** – Reconstruct, widen and add a third lane on I271. **Total project cost** - \$62,500,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without**

**this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.

## **NORTHWEST OHIO**

1. **Erie County U.S. Route 250** – Widen and improve U.S. Route 250 from U.S. 6 to Bogart Rd. **Total project cost** is \$31,700,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
2. **Hancock County I-75** – Reconstruct U.S. 224 bridge and interchange with I-75. **Total project cost** is \$12,500,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13+ years.
3. **Lucas County McCord Grade Separation** – Rail grade separation at McCord Road (CR 73) to improve safety. **Total Project Cost** is \$29,300,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2015. **Time saved** is one year.
4. **Lucas County Interstate 75** – Reconstruct, widen and add a third lane along I-75 from Phillips Rd. to I-280. **Total project cost** is \$51,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12 + years.
5. **Lucas County Interstate 75** – Reconstruct interchange at I-75 and I-475 to improve safety and reduce congestion. **Total project cost** is \$175,900,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
6. **Lucas County Interstate 475/U.S. Route 20** – Reconstruct interchange at I-475 and U.S. Route 20 to improve safety. **Total project cost** is \$59,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2015 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 12+ years.
7. **Wood County I-75**—Four phases of reconstruction, widening and addition of a third lane along I-75. **Total Project Cost** is \$195,600,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13 + years.

## **SOUTHWEST OHIO**

1. **Clark County I-70** – Reconstruct, widen and add a third lane along I-70 near Springfield. **Total project cost** is \$19,100,000. **Construction start date with Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13+ years.
2. **Hamilton County I-75** – Add an additional thru lane along I-75 at Glendale/Milford & Shepherd. **Total project cost** is \$117,000,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2016, which keeps the **project on schedule**.
3. **Hamilton County MLK Boulevard**– Construction of a new interchange along I-71 at MLK Boulevard. **Total project cost** is \$107,740,000. **Construction date under Jobs and**

**Transportation Plan** is 2014 and **without this plan would not have started** until after 2027. **Time saved** is 13+ years.

4. **Hamilton I-75 (Mill Creek Expressway)** – Reconstruct and widen I-75 from Hopple St. to Mitchell (Phase 5). **Total project cost** is \$205,200,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2017 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2021. **Time saved** is 4 years.
5. **Hamilton I-75 (Mill Creek Expressway)** – Add a fourth lane to Mitchell both northbound and southbound (Phase 7). **Total project cost** is \$41,100,000. **Construction date under Jobs and Transportation Plan** is 2018 and **without this plan would not have started** until 2021. **Time saved** is 3 years.

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