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GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER 2020-2021 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA



Welcome

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- ▶ **Building on Success of the past two years**

- ▶ Passage of Bona Fide Purchase Defense Law

- ▶ Historical Funding for Public Transit Services

- ▶ Progress on Statewide Active Transportation Policy

- ▶ **Vision**

- ▶ “a Revitalized Ohio”

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▶ **Three Primary Focuses of the Public Policy Platform**

▶ **Investing in Brownfields**

▶ Aaron Clapper

▶ **Innovation in Infrastructure & Transportation**

▶ Maria Walliser-Wejebe & Jason Warner

▶ **Empowering Ohio's Legacy Cities**

▶ Erica Spaid Patras & Lindsey Elam

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Investing in Brownfields

▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Fund the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund

- ▶ Nearly \$40 million in funding available through the reallocation of liquor profits the state receives each year from JobsOhio

Aaron Clapper, MPPA, Project Manager

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Innovate Infrastructure & Transportation

▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Maintain Support for Public Transit

- ▶ Transit has been a vital service throughout the coronavirus pandemic

- ▶ Retain \$70 million approved in funding two years ago to maintain this necessary service

Maria Walliser-Wejebe, Senior Research Associate
Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement

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Innovate Infrastructure & Transportation

▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Invest in Preservation, Not Expansion

- ▶ Prioritizing preservation and repair projects would not only address the existing maintenance needs across the state, but this shift would generate more jobs than capacity-building and expansion projects

Maria Walliser-Wejebe, Senior Research Associate
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Innovate Infrastructure & Transportation

▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Invest in Broadband Infrastructure

- ▶ Lack of access is a problem in both rural communities and marginalized neighborhoods in our urban core
- ▶ Funding + Access to public right-of-way “smart corridors” can help to bridge the gap

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Empower Ohio's Legacy Cities

▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Preserve Long-Term City Investments

- ▶ Suspension of the 20-Day Rule was a necessary response to the coronavirus pandemic
- ▶ Lifting the suspension could negatively impact Ohio cities by as much as \$411 million per year



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▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

- ▶ Stabilize Our Downtowns & Commercial Centers
 - ▶ Financial support to small businesses, including commercial rent relief, access to risk-tolerant capital & invest in worker safety



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▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

- ▶ Ensure Capacity Building in State Programs
 - ▶ Help local governments obtain & retain skills, knowledge & tools needed to become vibrant, prosperous connected places



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▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Prevent New Cycles of Blight & Disinvestment

- ▶ Tax amnesty and reform to outdates land contract law will prevent home vacancy



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▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Provide Strategic Investment in Neighborhoods

- ▶ Façade & streetscaping improvements, public art, mixed-use development & transit-oriented development improve the livability of cities and neighborhoods – capitalizing on existing assets and attracting new residents



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▶ To Build a Greater Ohio...

▶ Protect Ohio Families through Housing

- ▶ Eviction & foreclosure moratoriums provide temporary relief to an emerging crisis in housing. Rental assistance programs for residents and access to risk-tolerant capital for landlords will protect families and help restart the economy

Lindsey Elam, AICP, Manager of Research

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▶ **Public Engagement**

- ▶ “we will continue to advocate for policies & initiatives with the Ohio General Assembly & DeWine Administration related to capital investment, taxation, housing and other areas central to our mission”

Final Questions



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