



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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June 1, 2010

State of Ohio  
Local Government Officials

Re: Ohio Department of Transportation's Rural Consultation Process

Dear Local Government Official:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a document entitled "Ohio Department of Transportation Rural Consultation Process." The document outlines The Ohio Department of Transportation's existing rural local transportation consultation activities, which is how ODOT consults with rural local officials and provides for their participation in statewide transportation planning and programming.

This process was reviewed by your organization and others in January 2006. It was subsequently finalized, reviewed and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in April 2006. ODOT is again soliciting comments as federal regulations require consultation with rural local governments for review and to provide an opportunity for affected groups to comment on the process at least every five years.

Please review this document to ensure that it accurately reflects ODOT's current consultation practices and comment on ways to improve its effectiveness. Written comments and recommendations should be forwarded no later than August 6, 2010 to Shyna Gawell, Office of Systems Planning and Program Management, ODOT, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223. Or if you would like to provide comments and recommendations by email, you may deliver to [stip@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:stip@dot.state.oh.us).

All comments received will be taken into consideration for the final revision of this process. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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Office of Systems Planning and Program Management

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Enclosure

c: Townley – Freed – Lane – Gawell – File (Planning – Rural Local Consultation) – Reading File

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