

APPENDIX C

Needs Assessment

Institution Comments on Transportation Needs and Opportunities

Type of Public	Company	Last Name	First Name	Title	Comments
Institution	Bowling Green State University	Waddle	Robert	Asst VP for Capital Planning	1) Access to BGSU from the north from I-75 continues to be main concern. As we continue our efforts to alleviate congestion on Wooster St. and in vicinity of campus , the need for additional and enhanced access to the University becomes critical. The additional interchange and access route from the north will provide...crucial benefits. BGSU has no links to rail or bus service in our community and we rely totally on auto transportation. Additional transportation access will create a desirable and opportune atmosphere...promote convenient, safe ways to move around the campus, and relieve the only exit from I-75 from ever-increasing congestion.
Institution	Flower Hospital	Webb	Kevin		1) There is a need for an additional interchange on 23/475 between Central Ave. and Airport Hwy. This would ease congestions on all three of these roads.
					2) Opportunity: There seems to be a lack of interest by the public to use public transportation. Cities of Toledo's size in Europe have streetcars, and other rail transportation within and between cities making it very easy to get around. Rail services between Toledo, Detroit, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati would be convenient for many.
					Continued expansion of our bike/hike paths in the area.
Institution	Otsego Local School District				1) The limited number of overpasses over the new Route 24 between Heller Road and the Lucas-Henry-County line will create many problems for our school bus routes.
					2) The continued migration of Toledo residents to suburban & rural areas is a major contributing factor to our transportation problems. Will transportation enhancements simply add to the cycle?
Institution	Springfield Schools	Beekley	Cynthia	Superintendent	1) Needs: Rail overpass at McCord Rd--when/if something will occur
					2) Needs: Public transportation for Springfield/Holland area
					3) Needs: Bicycle paths/walking trails to connect to others in area from Holland area
					4) Opportunities: Public transportation on demand
Institution	The University of Toledo	Johnson / Wyatt	Daniel/ Harry	President /Assoc VP Facilities Mgmt	1) TARTA scheduling is not well oriented to UT student population. Evening schedules are particularly problematic. A student might have to take a bus to a downtown station to transfer to another bus to get to their apartment that is only a mile or so away. TARTA doesn't serve several apartment complexes popular to UT students on Airport Hwy.

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	The University of Toledo (Continued)				<p>2) The current configuration of Douglas Rd. creates difficult pedestrian flow from the UT Engineering College complex and adjacent apartments to the rest of UT Bancroft Campus. Traffic calming and at least one more ped. crossing is needed. Perhaps this could be done in conjunction with the new interchange at I-475 & Toledo Hospital & related modifications on Central & Douglas.</p> <p>3) Strong need for alternative transportation to support the regional economic development concept of a Science & Technology Corridor. Light rail could connect Toledo Hospital, UT & MUO. The pending merger of UT/MUO increases the need. Also a need for alt. trans. connecting UT Bancroft and Scott Park campuses. Light rail solution envisioned there as well.</p> <p>4) ..a general lack of pedestrian oriented traffic control & calming around borders of UT campus that hampers positive development and a University village atmosphere. Particularly evident along Dorr St.</p> <p>5) An interchange with I-475 & Dorr is seen as a positive new entry to campus. It should be accompanied with traffic calming on Dorr in the vicinity of UT.</p>
Institution	Toledo-Lucas Co Public Library	Oswanski	Charles	Superintendent, Facilities & Operations	<p>1) The recent upgrades to the downtown streets will certainly aid in access to our main library. This would include the downtown residential contingent and all of the A.D.A. improvements</p> <p>2) Opportunities: Simply the continued study of bottleneck congestion on I-475 and various roads within the county as it relates to patron access and frequency of facility use.</p>
Institution	Visitor's Bureau / Seagate Convention Centre				<p>2) Create a "light rail" system from/to downtown-zoo-art museum-ball park-convention center.</p> <p>1) The need to eliminate heavy truck traffic on Summit St. and to reduce speed to 25 mph. This would encourage more pedestrian traffic and make it easier to cross Summit (east & west).</p>
Institution / Neighborhood	Central United Methodist Church, in Old West End	Holdridge	Cheri, Rev.	Pastor	A while back, Kathleen Kovacs [Neighborhoods in Partnership] said there was federal funding available for rail station/shopping center areas. We wondered if this would be something we could do revive the Central/Detroit area, with a rail station there with small retail shops , (post office, dry cleaners, barber, and the like). Just an idea. There are rail lines right there on some of that vacant land.

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Government	Bowling Green, City of	Blair / Huber	Bill / Ray	Public Works Director / Wood County Engineer	Truck traffic / congestion in Bowling Green -Example, trucks to and from Cooper Tire, north side of BG, use Cygnet I-75 exit, travel on SR 25 (Main St) all the way to and from Cooper Tire, thus traveling right through heart of BG -Example, plant that makes pop 2-liter bottles (north side of town): uses Wooster exit to get to I-75 SB
					Rail Quiet Zones needed
					Rail tracks – students cross them mid-block: -Note all crossings gated -Fences needed mid-block?
					Rail spur needed for industrial growth areas (incl. OI and plastics plant)
					Township roads not constructed to handle growing truck volumes -All are tar & chip, narrow, ditches, have bridges that need to be replaced and hump RR crossings -Movement of materials in / out of “mega” animal farms -Movement of agricultural equipment -Stone quarries east of Portage -lack of funds to fix
					Higher freight demands expected in future as new industrial complex goes in near Poggemeyer
					Bike-ped access lacking Wooster, crossing I-75 bridge – people walk, dangerous
					Bike link to community center north of town lacking (BG)

