

Transportation Needs and Opportunities: Letters from Public, Fall/Winter 2005-2006

Name/ Organization	Address	Topic	Comment	Date Received
Anonymous		Blocked rail crossings	Trains crossing Summit and also Suder far too long! I wait 30 minutes each time, 2-3 times/week, when I'm lucky!	Fall 2005
Anonymous		River bridges	I live on East Side—why do you work on 2 bridges at the same time!	Fall 2005
Axilrod, David	3706 Manchester, Toledo OH 43606-1123	Walking	Without a license or vehicle, people must walk; but local governments do not cause them to be properly maintained for pedestrian safety . Deteriorated; criminal acts of dumping snow from parking lots. Enforce existing laws – no obstruction of safe passage. No new sidewalks along curbs (plowed snow covers them).	Nov 28, 2005
Axilrod, David		T-bone accident prevention	Delayed green reduces crashes , & allows more ped crossing time. Engineers need to put road/vehicle safety first. (Right on red may not be safest at intersections.)	“
Axilrod, David		Bus stops	Bus stops that look unsafe discourage ridership (Poor lighting, bad neighborhoods)	“
Baldwin, James Lamar (retired locomotive engineer)	5069 Goodwill Rd, Toledo OH 43613	Passenger trains	More passenger train service needed. Wants to see station reborn as a rail hub for travel to all directions.	Jan. 19, 2006
Concilio, Amy (UT grad student)	535 Winthrop St., Toledo OH 43620 amy.concilio @utoledo.edu	Greenhouse gas emissions / sustainable transportation system	Immensely frustrated that we aren't taking greater steps to reduce greenhouse emissions. To move to transit, biking and walking , we need infrastructure and support from local government. Commutes by bike daily— roads in poor condition & lack of bike lanes makes it dangerous.	Fall 2005
Deeds, Nancy	1224 Richland St., Maumee OH 43537	Transit & traveler info to increase tourism	Gas prices high—why not bus/train daily to/from Sandusky, Cleveland, Columbus, etc.. Bring visitors to Toledo attractions; reduce congestion. Likes Chicago's FREE trolley system (business-supported) and wayfinding signs at bus stops. Park & ride to area festivals (e.g. Grand Rapids). Why don't we have one TV station to show attractions & transportation/routes to get there?	Dec. 8, 2005

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Flahiff, Janice (part-time medical librarian)	2032 Lehman Ave., Toledo OH 43611	Transportation for poor /underserved	<p>Lack of access to jobs: e.g. Point Place to Medical University of Ohio: 2 hours by bus. Transit needed for economic development-- access to new jobs in region. Transportation also a quality of life issue.</p> <p>Real-life examples: “One person said she had to pay someone \$10 to pick up a few items a store. Another said he had to pay someone that amount to get from downtown Toledo to Oregon. Both were around the poverty line. ...addressing what might be called the underserved is a matter of social justice.”</p>	Jan. 20, 2006
Moore, Clinton		Interstate highway continuity	Travelers to N. Michigan might not realize US 23 between I-475 in Ohio and Flint MI doesn't connect to I-75. US-23 should be redesignated as I-875 along with I-475's southern terminus being scaled back to US-23 (future I-875). I-875 will be a contiguous interstate. Decommission US in Michigan; or the north-south corridor of US-24 between Toledo, OH and US 24's northern terminus redesignated as a realignment of US 23. Then, US 23's concurrent portion with I-75 near Flint will be extended by several miles (southerly).	Dec. 13, 2004
Steve	whitey4@buc keye- express.com	Skytran	Skytran: Should get this in Toledo [2-person rapid transit vehicles on overhead tracks using magnetic levitation]	June 25, 2005
Wegman, Richard L.	rlwegman@wccnet.org ; rlwegman1955@yahoo.com	Transit	Likes TARTA's free route maps. Lack of transit to growing suburban areas (east side--Maumee Bay State Park, Pearson Park; Bowling Green; Perrysburg area). Opportunity for innovations (Bluebird train; water taxi)	Nov. 26, 2005
Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms	www.wccoff.org	Increased truck traffic / road damage	Rural roads are not built to handle expected number and weights of 24/7 dairy vehicles – tractors and tankers considered “agricultural” and thus exempt from weight limits, even though the extreme loads not typical for a farm operation. One semi truck = 1,000 cars. Taxpayers bear burden of road repairs.	Nov. 9, 2005 (at NW Ohio Planning seminar)