



Ohio Public Transit Association **MEMBER NEWS**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Ohio's Public Transit System Leadership

As each of you are aware, the upcoming state budget for public transit is at considerable risk due to the challenges of 2020.

For the next transit budget, discretionary funding was cut in the Ohio Department of Transportation budget. Two years ago Public Transit was allocated \$70 mil annually.

Even though the House has adopted an amendment increasing the discretionary funding to \$56 million per fiscal year, we still have to make our case to the Ohio Senate.

CALL TO ACTION - We need your help advocating for public transit with our legislature by providing in-person or in writing testimony. Your testimony will be invaluable and can help to turn the tide for transit.

Stephanie Kunze, Chairwoman, Transportation Committee for the Ohio Senate, has invited all transit agencies, as well as entities supporting public transit, to join the hearing in person if possible.

In-Person Testimony

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 10:00 am

Ohio Statehouse
Senate Finance Hearing Room
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**** Your photo ID and mask will be required for access.**

**** Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior the hearing.**

Written Testimony Submissions due Friday, March 5th by 5:00 pm

Submissions must include your name, title, organization, address, phone and email. You may [submit using the form attached](#), as a word document or within an email.

DEADLINE – Written testimony - Friday, March 5th by 5:00 pm

Send to to Matt Carle, matt@chwadvisors.com

Please join these advocacy and lobbying efforts by providing your testimony. Written testimony is just as important as in-person and we need to submit as much testimony as possible.

For more information, contact Matt Carle, matt@chwadvisors.com.

Thank you in advance for your time, passion and testimony.

Thank you to all!



Claudia Amrhein
President, OPTA | General Manager & CEO, PARTA

UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS

OPTA Member Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Details and documents for Executive Committee and Board Meetings will be posted to Board Book It prior to the meetings. Visit Board Book It to access meeting documents.

All meetings will continue to be scheduled as conference calls.

For more information, contact admin@ohioneedstransit.org

