



# Ohio Public Transit Association **ACT NOW!**

**OHIO'S BUDGET  
PROPOSAL CUTS  
PUBLIC TRANSIT  
FUNDING BY **90%****

*Here's how to fight the budget cuts* **#OhioNeedsTransit**

## **SAVE PUBLIC TRANSIT!**

Thank you again to all of our system leaders and OPTA'S Government Relations teams who are working to protect funding for public transit.

As promised, OPTA will be providing regular updates and tools for use in the Save Public Transit campaign. Below you will find the State Budget Overview as well as three message templates that can be used to reach out to Scott Oelslager, Chair, Ohio House Finance Committee.

For more content, visit the [Member Portal](#) on OPTA's website. The password is OPTAmember (case sensitive) and click on SAVE PUBLIC TRANSIT. You

will find resources and content that can be shared with your legislative representatives and stakeholders.

For more information on the Save Public Transit materials and assets, contact Phyllis VanArsdale, [pvanarsdale@ohioneedstransit.org](mailto:pvanarsdale@ohioneedstransit.org).

Thanks to all for your time and support.

Together, we CAN make a difference!

Sincerely,



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

## SAVE PUBLIC TRANSIT! STATE BUDGET OVERVIEW

Matt Carle, Executive Director, OPTA, has produced the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Transportation Budget (HB74) Overview, a comprehensive resource for use in meetings and communications.

This document includes background on House Bill 74, a timeline for committee hearings and testimony, current proposed amendments and action items for transit systems to reach out to legislators for support.

### [State Budget Overview](#)

## ACT NOW! CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I’m a constituent from Ohio, zip code \_\_\_\_\_. I’m calling because I am deeply concerned by the proposed 2022-2023 transportation budget, which would cut state funding for public transportation by 90%.

Public transportation is vital to Ohio’s economic recovery and development, and I urge Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to restore the biennial transportation budget to the previous \$70 million.

Thank you!”

### [Ohio House and Senate Contact List](#)

## ACT NOW! CALL SCOTT OELSLAGER



Scott Oelslager, Chair, Ohio House Finance Committee  
614.752.2438

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## ACT NOW! EMAIL SCOTT OELSLAGER



Dear Representative Oelslager,

I am deeply concerned by the proposed 2022-2023 transportation budget, which would cut state funding for public transportation by 90%. To cut public transportation funding now would be devastating to our community’s long-term economic recovery and growth. Public transit systems generate \$3.6 billion in economic activity and create and support 180,000 private sector jobs. I implore you to work with your colleagues to restore the biennial transportation budget to the previous \$70 million. Thank you for your consideration.

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Email - [ohiohouse.gov/members/scott-oelslager/contact](mailto:ohiohouse.gov/members/scott-oelslager/contact)

