



Ohio Sunset Review Committee  
Agency Questionnaire

Transportation Review Advisory Council (ODOT)

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio General Assembly established the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) in 1997 under Ohio Revised Code 5512. The TRAC is a permanent body that oversees a selection process that includes the prioritization and approval for funding projects that are part of the Major New Capacity Program.

The Major New Capacity Program, administered by ODOT, is defined as projects with an overall cost greater than \$12 million, that increase capacity or reduce congestion, and that are critical to the mobility, economic development, and quality of life for the citizens of Ohio.

The Major New Capacity Program is considered a "last funded" program at ODOT. The yearly anticipated budget is \$150 million for the program. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5512, the Director of Transportation biennially provides the TRAC with a report on the money available for new construction for the following four-year period. The Director provides funds for new construction only after assuring that system preservation needs have been met. The use of the new construction funds is the responsibility of the TRAC, but the TRAC does not have authority over other aspects of ODOT.

The goal of the TRAC is to envision the transportation system of the future and select transportation investments that will allow ODOT to realize that vision. This is achieved by selecting transportation investments that best benefit and serve the people of Ohio. Since its inception, the purpose of the TRAC has been to help make decisions on major statewide and regional transportation investments.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The ODOT Division of Planning manages TRAC, and the Major New Capacity Program Manager also serves as the TRAC Coordinator. The TRAC Coordinator organizes the monthly TRAC meetings, presents updates, and communicates with the TRAC members.

Workload is based on the number of funding requests received each calendar year. The TRAC Application Cycle follows a process that includes evaluating, assessing, and scoring projects, in accordance with TRAC Policy and established criteria. The cycle includes regional presentations.

The TRAC Coordinator, along with the Administrator of the ODOT Office of Transportation and Economic Development, the ODOT Division of Planning Deputy Director, and ODOT's Executive Leadership, administers various duties associated with TRAC oversight.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

The Transportation Review Advisory Council is managed by ODOT's Division of Planning, and the work is funded as general overhead of the division.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Transportation Review Advisory Council is comprised of nine members and is chaired by the Director of ODOT. Six of the members are appointed by the Governor and one each by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate President and the members serve overlapping five-year terms.

Ohio Revised Code 5512.08 authorizes the members of TRAC (except the Director of Transportation) to be compensated \$5,000 a year along with the necessary travel and other expenses related to their service on the council. The combined amount of compensation and expenses paid to any member shall not exceed \$15,000.

Additional notes

The Ohio Department of Transportation is respectfully requesting re-authorization of the Transportation Review Advisory Council.