

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert/Call to Action



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Senate Moves Transportation Budget

The Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee accepted an omnibus amendment and voted on the [HB 62](#), the biennial transportation budget, today. The bill immediately went to the Senate floor for a full vote and passed 24-6.

Below are provisions included in the Senate-passed version:

- Increases the gas tax by 6 cents for both gasoline and diesel;
- Authorizes \$5 permissive license fee for townships and municipalities;
- Establishes a fee of \$175 for electric vehicles and \$75 for hybrid vehicles beginning in 2020;
- Allows a joint ambulance district to enter into a lease-purchase agreement;
- Allows simultaneous office-holding of local government and Transportation Improvement District positions;
- Authorizes a transit authority to levy a tax specifically for infrastructure projects, but limits based on size of the county;
- Increases the appropriation for the Roadwork Development Grant Program by \$2.1 million;
- Increases the State Capital Improvement Program set aside for emergency purposes from 2% to 6% beginning in 2022.

Note: changes to increase force account limits made in committee were removed from the bill on the floor. HB 62 now reflects current law on force account limits.

HB 62 will now likely go to Conference Committee where the House and Senate will work out the differences in their proposals. Contact your [state representative](#) and [state senator](#) on these changes.

Remember: HB 62 must be passed by April 1st.

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