

# Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

## For the week ending June 28, 2024

Monday, June 24, 2024

**Ohio Tax Credit Authority**  
June 24, 2024

**9 PROJECTS**

- \$217M+ INVESTMENTS
- \$44M+ NEW PAYROLL
- 707 NEW JOBS
- 1,614 RETAINED JOBS

MIKE DEWINE GOVERNOR OF OHIO | JON HUSTED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF OHIO

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the approval of nine projects that will create 707 new jobs and retain 1,614 jobs statewide.

During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. The projects are expected to result in more than \$44 million in new payroll and spur more than \$217 million in investments across Ohio.

Tuesday, June 25, 2024



Governor DeWine participates in the Governor's Lake Erie Fish Ohio Day with his son and grandson.



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted celebrated the 44th annual Governor's Lake Erie Fish Ohio Day alongside Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz, ODNR Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker, and other leaders from the conservation and tourism industries. This annual event highlights the importance of protecting and improving Lake Erie and its great fishing.

"Fish Ohio Day is a celebration of the world-class fishing on Lake Erie and the dedication of those who work to improve the lake's water quality, manage its fish populations, and bring visitors to the area each year," said Governor

DeWine. "This day provides a great opportunity to showcase The Walleye Capital of the World."

"Lake Erie is a popular outdoor recreation destination and drives a substantial amount of economic value for the region," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Whether you visit for the day or stay for a lifetime, Lake Erie continues to draw you in time and time again."

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

**Ohio Historic Preservation**  
TAX CREDIT (Revised 3/2)

- 35 PROJECTS
- 43 JOBS
- 12 COMMUNITIES
- \$68M CREDITS
- \$691M CREDITS

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Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced that the state is supporting 35 projects to preserve dozens of historic buildings across Ohio.

More than \$68 million in tax credits will be awarded to 12 communities as part of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program. The program provides financial incentives for the private redevelopment of historic buildings that are vacant and/or generate little economic activity.

"As our downtowns and neighborhoods grow and evolve, it's important that we preserve Ohio's historic spaces in a way that drives further investment into our communities," said Governor DeWine. "By supporting these renovations, we're reviving historic buildings that stood prominently in the past so that they can contribute to Ohio's strong economy and growth in the future."

"Economic development is vital for our economy to continue to grow, and we can do that in a way that preserves our existing historic spaces while creating new opportunities for housing, businesses, and communities," said Lt. Governor Husted. "This program preserves Ohio's history while investing in the future."



Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine joined central Ohio mental health and community leaders at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new residential facility in Columbus known as Melissa's House.

The home will provide a comfortable, supportive, and secure environment for individuals facing serious mental health challenges to focus on their treatment and recovery.

"By opening Melissa's House, we are opening the doors to what will be one of the finest residential mental health care facilities in the coun-

ty," said Governor DeWine. "It's yet another example of our all-of-the-above approach to building a world-class system of mental health supports in Ohio. Recovery is for everyone. We are expanding a continuum of housing options, so all Ohioans - no matter their circumstance in life - have access to the care and support they need, when they need it."



Lt. Governor Husted visited Faxon Firearms and Faxon Machining, Inc. in Fairfield to tour the company's assembly and machining lines.

Thursday, June 27, 2024



Governor DeWine joined executives from Louis Dreyfus Company, JobsOhio, and the Ohio Soybean Association to break ground on a new soybean processing plant in Upper Sandusky.



Lt. Governor Husted joined the Ohio School Boards Association meeting in Columbus where he spoke about the critical role public education plays in our state, InnovateOhio's AI Toolkit, and his ongoing efforts to reduce cell phone use in schools.

Friday, June 28, 2024



Governor DeWine signs capital budget bill Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and members of the Ohio General Assembly announced significant investments contained in House Bill 2, the capital budget bill.

"This capital budget is all about creating jobs, growing our economy, and directly impacting the people of Ohio where they live and work," said Governor DeWine. "The investments we're making today impact our schools and universities, our hospitals, our parks and recreational spaces, and our communities. We know these needed investments will continue to make Ohio the best place to live, work, and raise a family for years to come."

"The investments made in this budget will change lives and make a real difference for the people living, working and raising a family here in Ohio," said Lt. Governor Husted. "From funding for a new behavioral health hospital in the Miami Valley to supporting cybersecurity efforts, this package addresses issues that matter to Ohioans."



First Lady DeWine took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Kids' Town Park, a new literacy-focused exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center, and hosted story time to promote Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio.

Also, she helped distribute food at the Mid-Pointe Library Middletown's Summer Lunch event.

Statewide, Ohio's Imagination Library has enrolled 404,234 kids, which totals 61% of eligible kids in Ohio. Ohio's Imagination Library mails kids one high-quality, age-appropriate book each month until their 5th birthday. All Ohio children - from birth to age 5 - are eligible to be enrolled in the program at no cost to their family by signing up here.



Governor DeWine announced the appointment of Kelly Linger to the Columbiana County Municipal Court.

Linger, of East Liverpool, will assume office on July 23, 2024, and will be taking the seat formerly held by Judge Katelyn Dickey, who resigned upon being appointed to the Ohio Seventh

District Court of Appeals. She will serve the remainder of the unfinished term and will need to run for election in November 2025 to retain the seat.

## Governor DeWine, ODOT Announce Safety Recommendations for U.S. 23 Corridor

(DELAWARE, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Jack Marchbanks today announced new recommendations to improve safety and traffic flow on a heavily traveled section of U.S. 23 between Columbus and Toledo.

Daily travel on the 23-mile stretch of U.S. 23 from Worthington to Waldo currently exceeds the road's capacity by 30 percent, causing regular traffic crashes and significant traffic congestion. Between 2020 and 2024, nine people were killed and 72 people were seriously injured in crashes within these 23 miles alone. The average rush-hour commute is currently 40 minutes, and by 2050, ODOT estimates the commute will increase to 75 minutes.

"This small stretch of U.S. 23 is a vital corridor for freight, and those living and working in this area depend on it - but this road is not on par with the other routes that connect our major cities and even some of our mid-sized communities," said Governor DeWine.

ODOT's U.S. 23 Connect road construction recommendations, which are divided into seven sections, would eliminate nearly all of the 39 traffic lights along the corridor, bringing the total number of signals to seven or fewer. The proposal would also widen lanes, add several interchanges,

and construct overpasses to cut future rush hour travel time to less than 30 minutes. ODOT also estimates that the recommended upgrades would reduce traffic crashes by 50 percent, equating to the prevention of around 250 crashes.

Governor DeWine asked ODOT to evaluate U.S. 23 road construction options in tandem with its ongoing statewide Strategic Transportation and Development Analysis that is assessing the needs of Ohio's entire transportation network with respect to the state's growing population and increasing economic development success. The statewide study, which is expected to be complete by the end of the year, will include the consideration of more direct freeway connections between Columbus and Toledo.

"These recommendations along U.S. 23 from Worthington to Waldo will improve safety and congestion for residents in these communities as well as those who commute through this area," said Governor DeWine. "No matter what strategy the statewide study recommends on how to build a freeway between Toledo and Columbus, these U.

S. 23 improvements must happen regardless."

DETAILS: ODOT's Recommendations for U.S. 23



To fund the proposed U.S. 23 roadwork, ODOT estimates a cost of approximately \$1.4 to \$1.9 billion. Projects would be completed on a rolling basis.

"ODOT is no stranger to tackling major projects by taking small bites over several years rather than waiting decades for all the funding to be available at once. From the Downtown Ramp Up in Columbus to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project in Cincinnati, we know how to get things done," said Director Marchbanks.

Governor DeWine has already committed \$17 million for the initial design of U.S. 23 north of the city of Delaware, laying the groundwork for future investments. This includes the removal of seven signals from Delaware at Pennsylvania Avenue to State Route 229.

ODOT developed the recommendations for U.S. 23 after a series of public meetings between ODOT and local stakeholders, including the pub-

lic, local government, school districts, businesses, and first responders. Since then, engineers have analyzed data and more than 600 public comments to develop a comprehensive plan aimed at reducing congestion, improving safety, and enhancing overall travel experience.

"Northwest Ohio has spoken with one voice on the need for an efficient connection to Columbus for people and freight. With improvements to the existing Route 23, Governor DeWine is taking a positive first step toward a comprehensive plan that will support Ohio's future economic vitality," said Sandy Spang, executive director of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

ODOT's recommendations for U.S. 23 are not final plans. ODOT will present more details on the options during five public meetings in the coming months. The meetings will allow attendees to review the recommendations and provide feedback to inform any modifications to the plan.

The first public meeting will take place on August 6 at a time and place to be announced by ODOT. The agency will advertise the public meetings several weeks in advance through multiple channels, including Facebook and X. Interested parties can also sign up to receive direct emails about the meetings at publicinput.com/23connect. Those without internet access can call ODOT at 740-833-8268 for more information.