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PARMA MAYOR DECIDES OHIO'S FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero will join other elected officials, lawmakers and transportation experts May 7 in Columbus for a first-of-its-kind “Transportation Conversation.” Mayor DePiero is a member of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Priority Task Force. The diverse group from government and the private sector is charged with determining the future course of Ohio’s transportation needs.

“This is an opportunity and a responsibility that I take very seriously,” says Mayor DePiero. “My hope is that we will come away from the Ohio 21st Century Transportation meeting with some viable ideas that we can implement in a relatively short period of time.”

ODOT officials say the priority for task force members is formulating a very delicate balancing act between innovative people movers, freight transportation, job creation, safety guidelines and allowance for future growth. The state wants to explore ways to use all forms of transportation to link communities by connecting highways to rail, aviation, water ports and transit systems.

Mayor DePiero is serving on a task force committee examining practical ways to use transportation to generate economic development around Ohio. Other task force members include Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, the organization’s Vice-Chair.

“This is a think tank of sorts,” says Mayor DePiero. “I’m confident we’ll come away with some unique proposals, but we also want input from folks at home on ideas of their own. This is their state, and this will be their transportation plan when all is said and done.”

Ohio residents can join the dialogue by offering ideas online to the Ohio Department of Transportation. You can “Join the Transportation Conversation” at www.dot.state.oh.us.

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