

Ohio Bridge Partnership Program

The new Ohio Bridge Partnership Program is a 100% federally funded program created to address deficiencies on Ohio's County and Municipal Bridges.

Over the course of the next 3 years, this program will invest \$120 million dollars to address bridge deficiencies on nearly 220 bridges throughout Ohio. While all of the selected bridges are expected to begin construction within the next three years, 40 of these 220 bridges are planned to begin construction in 2014.

Bridges selections for this program were made based on the fact that they:

- Met the federal bridge definition of being 20+ feet long
- Are rated as structurally deficient
- Are currently open to and carrying traffic
- Are not on a current County or City Plan

The Bridge Partnership Program's structure will utilize every available flexibility offered from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help ODOT partner with the locals to move these bridges through the program and off the 'structurally deficient' list.

This program will be managed by the Office of Local Programs, who will be working closely with each district to deliver these projects. In addition, these projects will be:

- Projects will be Design-build
- Programed by the Office of Local Programs
- Projects will be ODOT-let
- Special statewide Programmatic Selection on November 11, 2013 is planned to hire consultants to assist with delivery of these projects
- Local entities will be responsible for acquiring rights-of-way however these costs associated with any required acquisitions will be reimbursed by the Department.

Please note that the selected bridges are subject to change as the program continues to develop.

For specific questions about the selection of a bridge for the program, please feel free to contact the ODOT's Office of Local Programs at 614-644-8211 (Andrea Stevenson), or 614-466-2032 (Jeff Peyton).