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**Influencing public policy with clear messages
and effective strategy**

Asset Management: Urban Paving Initiative (UPI)

Background/History:

- Taft Administration established Urban Paving Program in 2000
- Intent of Program was to distribute funds for roadway preservation throughout the State
- According to State law, municipalities are required to pave U.S. and state routes within their municipal boundaries
 - *However Taft Administration acknowledged at the time that most cities could not afford required maintenance*

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Program Administration:

- Program does not work for all communities
 - *Funds tend to be distributed inefficiently based on mileage and condition of routes*
 - *Creates conditions of deferred maintenance and “worst first” projects*
- ODOT pays 80 percent of repair costs, with local match at 20 percent
- Taft increased Program in 2000 by \$10M per year to \$35M
 - *Program has not seen increase since Taft increase in 2000*

Urban Paving Initiative (UPI): Ask

Program Budget:

- Value of dollars allocated have decreased significantly to inflation
 - *Standard inflation increased 44 percent from 2000 to 2016*

Ask:

- Program should be capitalized at **\$50M** to maintain spending power of original capitalization in 2000.
- Change fund distribution method to **block grant funding** directly to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) statewide vs. the current practice of allocating funds to municipalities.

Asset Management: Urban Paving Initiative (UPI) Tactics

Timeline plan:

- NOACA considers (and endorses?) plan to engage stakeholders with the goal of increasing UPI.
- February '18: Build a statewide coalition including, not limited to the following stakeholders:
 - OARC
 - Individual MPO agencies
 - Mayors and Managers of NOACA district
 - Ohio Municipal League
 - Legislators-northeast Ohio and key leadership, etc.
 - County Commissioners
- February, '18: Host a meet and greet at NOACA for Ohio members of the legislature

Asset Management: UPI Tactics

- Spring, '18:
 - Meet with policy staff for Gubernatorial Candidates
- Coalition convenes conversation with ODOT on the topic:
 - Grace Gallucci meeting with Director Wray, together with OARC and other MPO's ideal
 - Grace Gallucci meetings with Finance Subcommittee on Transportation members in the House and Senate, in addition to Northeast Ohio members
 - Grace Gallucci meetings with leadership in the House and Senate
- Fall, '18:
 - Pursue administrative changes to program by working with ODOT staff in preparation for the FY '20/'21 budget, which will begin in early 2019.