ACEC Ohio Joins Coalition to Say 'Yes' on State Issue 2

On May 6, voters have the opportunity to renew a vital program that has been a cornerstone of local infrastructure development for nearly four decades. State Issue 2 seeks to renew the State Capital Improvement Program, ensuring a reliable funding source for roads, bridges, water systems, and other critical infrastructure projects across Ohio's 88 counties.

A YES vote on Issue 2 supports the well-being and economic prosperity of Ohio's communities, without raising taxes. Issue 2 was placed on the May statewide ballot by a nearly unanimous vote of Republicans and Democrats in the Ohio General Assembly.

Since 1987, the State Capital Improvement Program has funded more than 19,000 projects to construct or improve local roads, bridges, water treatment systems, stormwater management, and other infrastructure vital to the well-being of our communities. In just the past decade alone, the program has awarded \$2.3 billion in grants and loans to 1,084 local governments, while funding nearly 4,500 projects and creating tens of thousands of construction jobs.

This vital and popular program has been renewed by Ohio voters three times since its inception, and a growing coalition of stakeholders has already formed to support its passage in May. Approval of Issue 2 in the upcoming election will authorize \$250 million per year for the next 10 years, while providing local governments with the funding needed to execute essential projects. In addition to supporting these critical infrastructure projects, passage of Issue 2 will bolster job growth by supporting an estimated 35,000 construction jobs across the state.

Click <u>here</u> to read the press release announcing the coalition of stakeholders for Issue 2, including ACEC Ohio.

You can learn about the State Capital Improvement Program and recently funded projects here.

For more information about Issue 2 and the Strong Ohio Communities coalition, please visit https://www.yes2buildohio.com/.

