



Fact Sheet

On May 6, voters will decide whether to approve Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program which has helped local communities all over Ohio complete 11,500 road, bridge, sewer and other infrastructure projects over the last 27 years. Here are key facts about the program.

27 years of success helping local governments

- More than 11,500 local road, bridge, sewer, water and solid waste projects have been completed under the program.
- Projects completed in all 88 counties.
- See <http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/AssistanceHistory.html> for complete list.
- Issue 1 extends the program 10 more years, authorizing \$1.875 billion in infrastructure aid for local governments.
- Issue 1 approves \$175 million a year for five years, then \$200 million a year for five more years.
- Grants are up to 90 per cent for repair/replacement projects, 50 per cent for new projects.
- Objective allocation process makes sure all Ohioans benefit.

No increase in taxes

- Funds to repay Issue 1 are already built into planning for future state budgets.
- The State of Ohio issues general obligation bonds that generates the monies used to fund this program.
- Ohio's high financial rating makes renewal and a modest expansion of one of Ohio's most successful programs possible.

Issue 1 provides jobs

- The program has created tens of thousands of jobs in 27 years, and Issue 1 will provide an estimated 3,500 more construction and allied jobs over the next decade.
- By improving roads, bridges, sewers and other facilities, Issue 1 improves job climate, quality of life for all Ohioans.

Strong tradition of bipartisan support

- The Issue one capital improvements program is an enduring success for our state. First passed in 1987 and renewed again in 1995 and 2005, it has stood the test of time.
- Democrat and Republican mayors, county engineers, township trustees and leaders of both business and labor all back Issue 1.
- The vote to put Issue 1 on ballot was 31-0 in Ohio Senate, and 90-2 in Ohio House.

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