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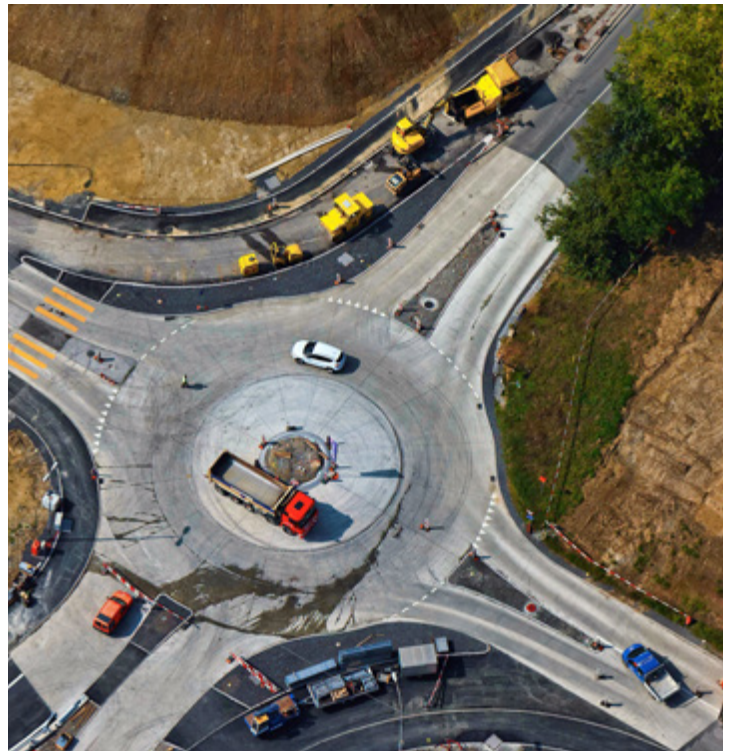


## Ohio's Infrastructure

Ohio Democrats support the movement to amend the Ohio Constitution to allow for an increase in the amount the state can collect as excise tax per gallon of gasoline and diesel and including alternative fuels, such as compressed natural gas and propane. With increased revenue Ohio could kick start a boost in state and local highway construction and inject a much needed infusion in mass transit.

**New revenue could more importantly be used as the seed money for a new publicly owned state bank to be used for financing infrastructure projects.**

We encourage lawmakers and the public to consider that a newly chartered Bank of Ohio could partner with other financial institutions in providing bond financing for municipalities to upgrade their wastewater treatment facilities. We contemplate new investment opportunities in industries designing the next generation of road surfaces incorporating features such as heated and lighted highways using carbon fiber materials to house data and power transmission lines.



The Bank could invest in new mass transit schemes for the state and cities.

We envision Ohio on the brink of embarking on a massive undertaking addressing its infrastructure and transportation needs and building toward a new future. And having a financial institution partnering alongside such as a publicly-owned state bank could be considered a valuable asset.