

The 2008 Elections...



And what's at stake for your ODOT job.

Privatization: Public employees do their work faster, better and more efficiently than the private sector. To win the fight against the privatization of ODOT jobs and keep work “in house” where it belongs, we must elect legislators who support the work of public employees on both the state and federal levels, and we must elect a president who supports those legislators.

Toll Road Threats: All around Ohio, states like Pennsylvania and Indiana, and the city of Chicago are leasing or selling turnpikes and highways – often to companies outside of the United States. We need elected officials who see this sell-off of public assets – often a “quick fix” to limited state budgets – as a dangerous precedent that could cost jobs and collective bargaining rights.

Federal Reauthorization: The federal transportation bill, which decides how much money goes to states for highways and roads, will be up for reauthorization in 2009. We must elect members of Congress who support ODOT employees' maintenance and construction of highways by funding public highway work in the transportation bill. A legislated “gas holiday,” or suspension of the gas tax, would mean further cuts to ODOT revenue.

Force Account Regulations: Ohio is one of a few states that has force account regulations, or limits on how much can be spent per lane mile on highway work. Ohio will become a contractor's gold mine as prices skyrocket and more of ODOT's work is privatized due to these limitations. We need to elect legislators who will work to lift these binding regulations.

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