OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
POLICY 20 – TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO INCORPORATE COASTAL CONCERNS AND RESOURCE PROTECTION INTO COASTAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING THROUGH COORDINATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Authorities and Administration

The state reviews federally financed projects through the state intergovernmental review process. The following internal guidelines are used in reviewing transportation projects and related facilities:

1. The development of new commercial water transportation facilities should be encouraged to locate in areas in or adjacent to already developed commercial and industrial areas in existing ports and harbors.

2. The development and maintenance of land transportation and improvement of highway and railroad access to Lake Erie ports and other major Lake Erie facilities is encouraged. However, development of new, major land transportation that impedes physical access to the Lake and the immediate shore; damages or destroys wetlands, wildlife habitat or other natural areas; or is in Lake Erie or its bays, is discouraged.

3. The development and maintenance of new air transportation facilities, including airports that serve Lake Erie ports, islands or other major Lake Erie facilities is encouraged. However, development of new air transportation facilities, including airports, that impede access to the lake and the immediate shore; damage wetlands without mitigation; cause unacceptable damage to wildlife habitat and other natural areas; interfere with shore erosion protection, or commercial or recreational boating and fishing; or create unacceptable noise or safety hazards to the abutting or surrounding area, is discouraged.

4. The use of lakeshore property for parking lots is discouraged, except for those parking facilities that provide public access or serve lake-dependent facilities.

Projects may require water quality certification or other permits or approval from the Ohio EPA or the COE (see Policy 12).