PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Friday, November 8, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM -- 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Conference Room GB, Lower Level, Ohio Department of Transportation, Central Office 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 119.03, notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Transportation intends to consider the adoption of the chapter and rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The adopted chapter and rule involve the following:

Chapter 5501:2-13 Maritime Assistance Program- Program Rules and Regulations

5501:2-13-01 General Provisions
(A) The director has determined that the Ohio Maritime Assistance Program, as described in sections 5501.91 of the revised code, shall be administered by a program manager within the department.

(B) The director shall maintain oversight duties and responsibilities. The program manager shall implement and carry out the program.

(C) The grant recipient shall pay a matching amount of at least one dollar for each Maritime Assistance Program grant dollar received.

(D) The director will solicit potential applicants by issuing a Request for Applications. The evaluation criteria used to evaluate applications will be included in the Request for Applications. The Application Period for the Request for Applications will be 60 days from the date of posting. The program manager will notify each eligible port authority in Ohio in writing of the beginning of the Application Period. The Application Period start date will also be posted on the department’s website. Applications shall only be for the purposes listed in section 5501.91(D) of the revised code.

(E) Applicants may submit questions to the department during the Application Period. All questions submitted to the department during the Application Period will be made public.

(F) The Applicant shall submit the Application in a manner prescribed by the Request for Applications.

(G) Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee that includes:
(1) Three representatives from the department;
(2) One representative from JobsOhio; and
(3) One representative from the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

(H) After the Applications have been evaluated by the selection committee, a list of recommended grant recipients, projects and funding amounts will be submitted to the director. The director will approve or disapprove each of the recommendations.

(I) Grant recipients are required to execute a grant agreement with the department. The grant agreement template will be included in the Request for Applications.

The Ohio Department of Transportation shall hold a public hearing on the proposed new chapter and rule at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Both oral and written testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or
postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at: http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/.

Individuals desiring only to submit their position, arguments, or contentions in writing (written statement) may do so by submitting them to Nancy.Burton@dot.ohio.gov.

Any written statements received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2019 will be considered by the Department of Transportation for purposes of adopting the rule listed above.