

Unlocking Eastern Ohio's Gateway to Growth

- Second Petrochemical Hub
- Energy Independence
- Logistics Champion for Appalachian Ohio
- Eastern Appalachian Ohio's Economy is Growing
 - **Total Investment:** \$74 Billion
<https://www.jobsohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Energy-Chemicals-Brochure-2019-FA.pdf>
 - **Job Growth:** 9,600
 - **New & Expanding Industries:** Shale oil/gas, petrochemical, steel, manufacturing, logistics, food processing, tourism
 - **Economic Competitiveness:** Amazon, Wal-Mart, Kraft, Fanatics, JSW
- **Missing Link:** Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor
 - **160-mile** highway directly linking the economic markets of Columbus and Pittsburgh
 - From west to east, the corridor starts at I-270/SR 161 on the northeast side of Columbus
 - Follows SR 161/SR 16 through New Albany and Newark to Coshocton
 - Continues along US 36 through Coshocton to Dennison
 - Continues along US 250 to US 22 at Cadiz
 - Continues along US 22 to Pittsburgh
 - Approximately **30%** of the corridor remains to be completed (Muskingum, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, & Harrison Counties)
 - By 2040, sections of I-70 parallel to this route are projected to be at or near capacity with the Level of Service degrading to a rating of **E** or **F**
 - Links major north-south interstates, public/private Ohio River ports, and intermodal rail facilities

The Time is Now to Finish what was Started 40 years ago!