
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 7 in Columbiana County, running between the boundaries of the city of East Liverpool and the village of Wellsville, as the Corporal William F. Bratt Memorial Highway. When a highway is named by the General Assembly, the common practice is to install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the roadway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

If a memorial roadway designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code falls on a U.S. or state route within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT policy under the Traffic Engineering Manual states that ODOT may furnish signs to the locality for a fee that covers the cost of production. Accordingly, the city of East Liverpool and the village of Wellsville could each incur costs of installing the signs. The costs of each sign can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, according to ODOT, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.