



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 83 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

**Sponsor:** Reps. Smith, K. and Howse

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Designates the Carl and Louis Stokes Opportunity Corridor

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As a result of the bill, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur a minimal cost for producing memorial signs for this memorial roadway, and the city of Cleveland will incur minimal costs for installing them. Specifically, the bill designates the ongoing Opportunity Corridor construction project as the Carl and Louis Stokes Opportunity Corridor. This roadway stretches approximately three miles from the intersection of Interstate Route 490 and East 55th Street to the intersection of East 105th Street and Chester Avenue. Construction began in 2015 and is expected to be completed in 2021. The total estimated cost of the project is estimated to be around \$331.0 million, according to ODOT.

If a memorial highway begins or ends inside of a municipality, ODOT produces the signs and may request reimbursement from the municipality for the cost. ODOT, however, does not currently seek this reimbursement. The signs are installed by municipal workers, though, resulting in minimal costs for the municipality where the memorial highway is located. According to ODOT, the cost of producing and installing a set of signs for memorial highways and bridges is approximately \$350 to \$400, including materials and labor. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.

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