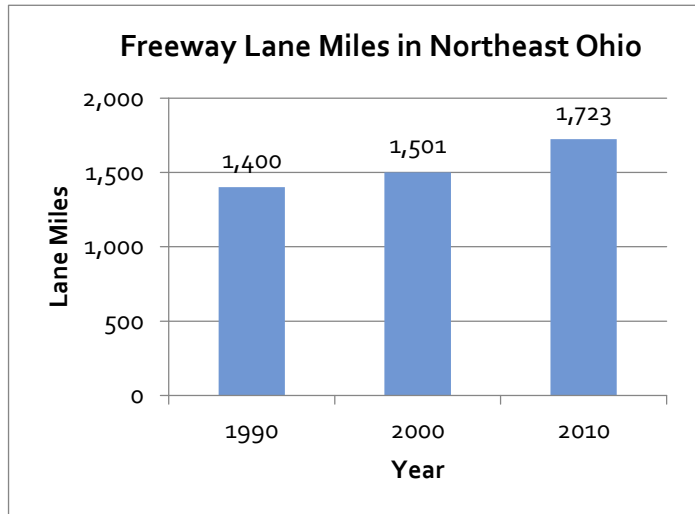




# Connections

**Finding:** There is a lack of coordination and connectivity among the different jurisdictions responsible for installing, maintaining and managing Northeast Ohio’s transportation and transit systems.

**Finding:** The funds available for transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance are declining. Northeast Ohio is unlikely to see additional freeway or rail transit network development in the foreseeable future and will need to maintain the infrastructure it has in place. Public entities at the local, state and federal levels that are responsible for infrastructure investment are facing long term constraints as a result of economic investment trends. Infrastructure cost increases have far outpaced resources from employment growth, per capita wage growth, and property value increases that are generated for capital investment.

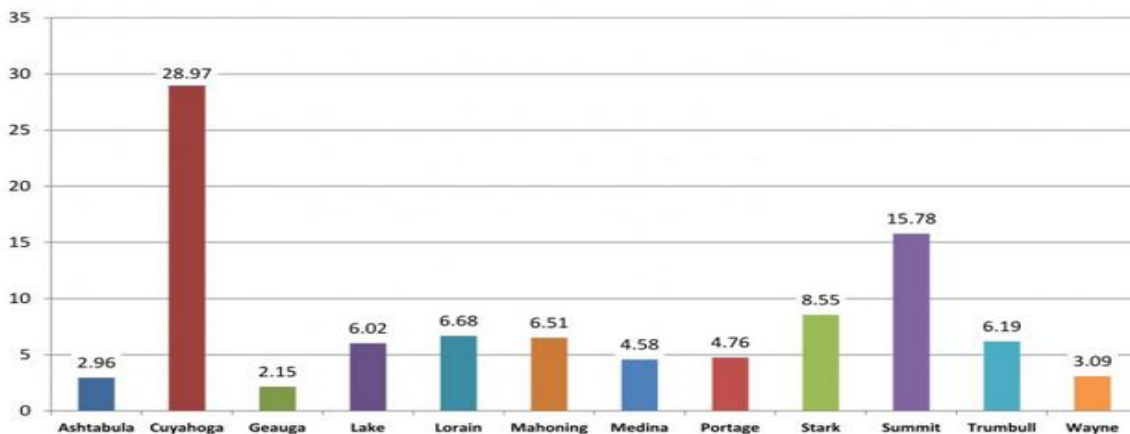


Freeway Miles Added 1990-2010 Source: ODOT

**Finding:** Northeast Ohio has substantial road, rail and port infrastructure supporting freight transportation that is crucial to Northeast Ohio’s economy. These infrastructure assets have the capacity to play an even greater role in supporting the region’s economy.

**Finding:** The spreading out of Northeast Ohio’s population and the greater distance between where people work and live have created challenges for providing transit service to Northeast Ohio commuters. This has contributed to the growth in the number of single-occupancy vehicle trips.

Vehicle Miles Traveled in 2010 (in millions of miles)





## Connections

**Finding: Greater dependence on cars has placed a greater travel cost burden on many Northeast Ohio residents.** Greater automobile use also contributes to air pollution and increases the wear and tear on Northeast Ohio's transportation infrastructure.

Percentage of Drive Alone Trips by County	
County	Drive Alone %
Lorain	84.5%
Medina	86.3%
Wayne	78.7%
Cuyahoga	79.2%
Summit	86.1%
Stark	85.4%
Lake	86.8%
Geauga	80.4%
Portage	83.5%
Ashtabula	83.9%
Trumbull	86.7%
Mahoning	86.5%

Source: 2005-2009 ACS