

When support for Ohio passenger rail development was unanimous, bi-partisan

FYI, back when passenger rail was still a bi-partisan economic development initiative being pursued by a GOP gubernatorial administration and by an Ohio Rail Development Commission director who was a former Republican mayor, rail had bi-partisan support. In fact the support was so strong it was unanimous.....

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In 2006 the 126th Ohio Senate voted 33-0 on SCR #30 to support acquiring federal funding to advance planning work for the Ohio Hub System -- including the 3C Corridor. And state law (ORDC's enabling legislation) requires 3C to be the state's first route. Just over half (17 of 33) of those Senators from 2005-06 are still in the Ohio General Assembly. They are:

Members of the 126th Ohio Senate who are in the current 128th Senate (Party, Name, District):

R David Goodman	3
R Gary Cates	4
D Eric Kearney	9
D Teresa Fedor	11
R Tom Niehaus	14
D Ray Miller	15
R John Carey	17
R Timothy Grendell	18
R Bill Harris	19
D Dale Miller	23
R Kevin Coughlin	27
R Kurt Schuring	29

Senators of the 126th Senate who are in the current (128th) Ohio House:

R Ron Amstutz	3
R Randy Gardner	6
D Bob Hagan	60
R Jay Hottinger	71
R Lynn Wachtmann	75

The list includes two key members of today's Senate: President Bill Harris and President pro tem Tom Niehaus. Also Controlling Board members: John Carey, David Goodman, and Jay Hottinger.

The resolution's chief sponsor, Kurt Schuring, is still in the Senate.

For the record....

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