

Gov. Kasich talks about Ohio Turnpike plans

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COLUMBUS — Gov. John Kasich said Tuesday that no decision has been made as to what his administration will do with the Ohio Turnpike, but, whatever it is, he said a majority of the money generated will be spent in northern Ohio.

But proceeds will also be spent on bridges and roads elsewhere in Ohio as the governor urged engineers attending a conference to get behind the concept of leveraging the 241-mile toll road to generate cash.

“We’ll make a commitment that at least half of the proceeds from a lease or a bond [would be spent] on roads that are north of Route 30,” Mr. Kasich said. “We think that’s a fair thing. We can’t put it all up there because we have infrastructure needs all across the state. We can give more than half to the people who live up there.”

He also said special attention will be paid to communities along the turnpike that he said haven’t gotten the kind of support that they should have received because turnpike policies are largely confined to the toll road itself.

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