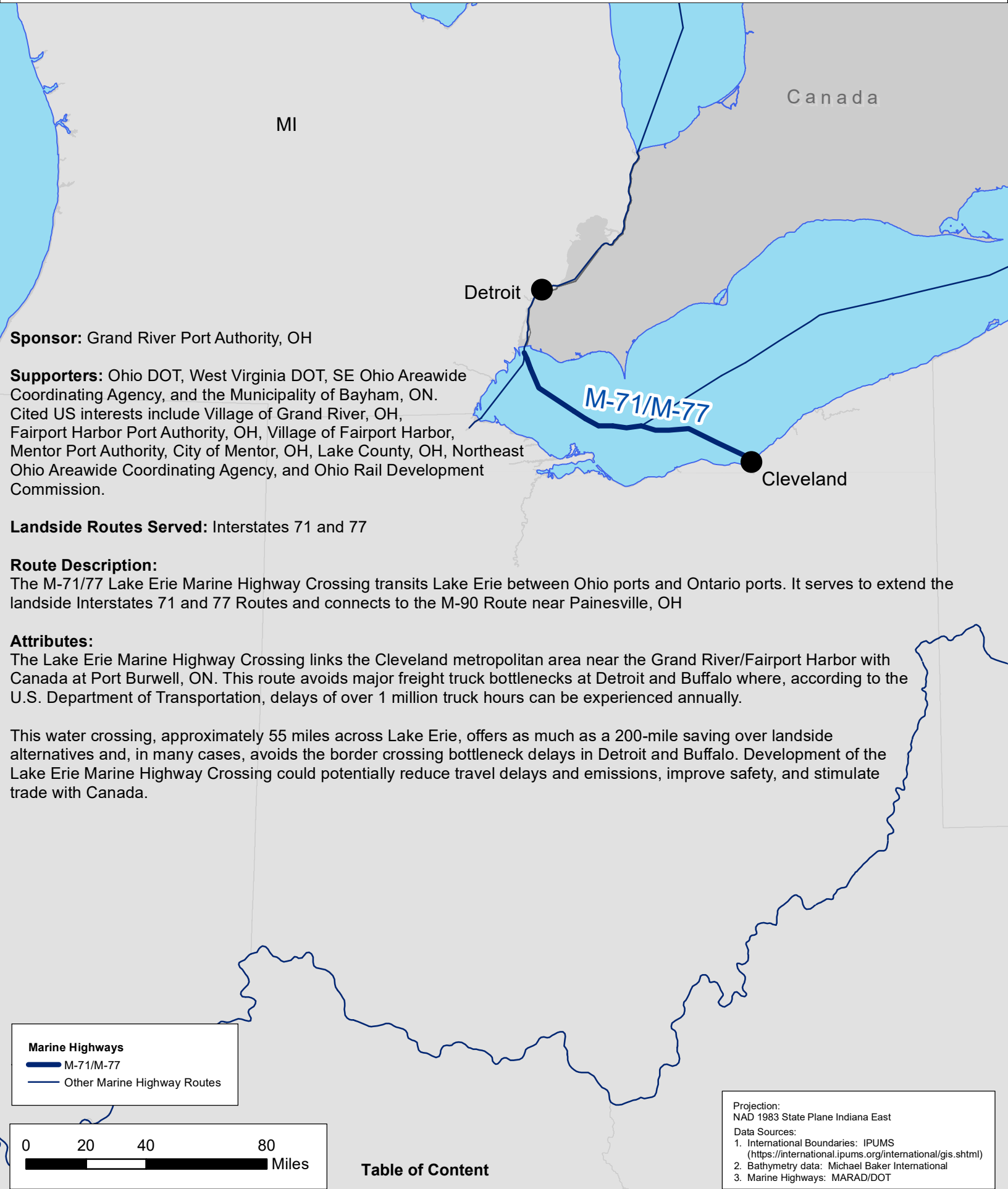


# Marine Highway M-71/77



Canada

MI

Detroit

M-71/M-77

Cleveland

**Sponsor:** Grand River Port Authority, OH

**Supporters:** Ohio DOT, West Virginia DOT, SE Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, and the Municipality of Bayham, ON. Cited US interests include Village of Grand River, OH, Fairport Harbor Port Authority, OH, Village of Fairport Harbor, Mentor Port Authority, City of Mentor, OH, Lake County, OH, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, and Ohio Rail Development Commission.

**Landside Routes Served:** Interstates 71 and 77

**Route Description:**

The M-71/77 Lake Erie Marine Highway Crossing transits Lake Erie between Ohio ports and Ontario ports. It serves to extend the landside Interstates 71 and 77 Routes and connects to the M-90 Route near Painesville, OH

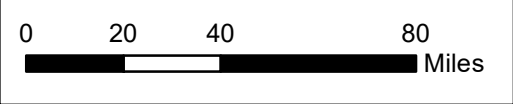
**Attributes:**

The Lake Erie Marine Highway Crossing links the Cleveland metropolitan area near the Grand River/Fairport Harbor with Canada at Port Burwell, ON. This route avoids major freight truck bottlenecks at Detroit and Buffalo where, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, delays of over 1 million truck hours can be experienced annually.

This water crossing, approximately 55 miles across Lake Erie, offers as much as a 200-mile saving over landside alternatives and, in many cases, avoids the border crossing bottleneck delays in Detroit and Buffalo. Development of the Lake Erie Marine Highway Crossing could potentially reduce travel delays and emissions, improve safety, and stimulate trade with Canada.

**Marine Highways**

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Projection:  
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Data Sources:

1. International Boundaries: IPUMS (<https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml>)
2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT