

Talking Points in Support of Transportation Funding

- Gov. Corbett's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission has successfully identified ways to fund critical transportation systems in the state: roads, highways, bridges, transit, rail, ports.
- The Commission has put forward a strong set of recommendations combining sources of stable and consistent funding, streamlined operations and efficiency improvements, and new tools such as public-private partnerships to help improve transportation systems across the state.
- The scope of the recommended funding level, \$2.7 billion per year, is the right level to ensure that the transportation system is properly maintained and improved.
- The level of funding for public transit is particularly critical because the economies in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh metro areas depend on robust transit service, and those two regions power the entire state economy.
- Investments in transportation infrastructure drive job creation and economic activity over the long term. After they are planned, designed, and constructed – employing thousands of workers – they help facilitate economic expansion and provide a return on investment for decades into the future.
- Without sufficient investment in infrastructure, roads will crumble, bridges will rust apart, and transit systems will be shut down, crippling the state's economy, and hurting our competitiveness.
- The Commission's approach goes beyond just new revenue, recommending that the state approve public-private partnership legislation to develop new ways to fund projects; ways to streamline and improve PennDOT operations; and specific steps to improve efficiency with the Turnpike Commission, transit agencies, and other operations.