



## **PennDrive Report**

Dear member,

On behalf of the PA Coalition for Sound Transportation Policy, we would like to thank you for stepping up and working with us as lawmakers debate proposals to solve our transportation funding crisis. We represent individuals, businesses and organizations dedicated to crafting a responsible long-term transportation funding solution for our Commonwealth.

We recognize that the state needs to generate up to \$1.7 billion to fund mass transit and fix our local roads and bridges. We all agree the state needs to address this crisis and we are pleased that lawmakers are now focused on how best to maintain and build our infrastructure.

But we also recognize that the state needs protect its vital infrastructure by maintaining public stewardship of the PA Turnpike and other key assets.

This week, competing plans emerged and the debate will continue Monday. We support the leading plan, which would take advantage of the PA Turnpike Commission's expertise by expanding its authority to make Interstate 80 a toll road. [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#) summarized that the plan also provides funding for mass transit and was winning some supporters from both camps.

[The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) reports that, "Republicans and Democrats have vastly different proposals to address transportation needs." And the [Associated Press](#) says that "Democrats unveiled a new plan to raise more money for transportation projects Tuesday...."

The House will take up the debate on Monday, June 25. Please contact your House member and tell them to reject any proposal to privatize the PA Turnpike and any other components of our critical transportation infrastructure. The plan must generate sufficient funding to address the needs of both mass transit and roads and bridges while balancing the need to protect consumers from huge tax and or fee hikes.

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