

**Testimony of Greg Barwis on behalf of the Transportation Construction Industries
Before the Joint House Transportation and Policy Committee
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Mr. Chairmen, my name is Greg Barwis. I am Vice President of Operations for James J Anderson Construction Co. Inc. of Philadelphia, PA. I am here on behalf of the Transportation Construction Industries, the unified voice of the materials and construction industries in Pennsylvania. TCI represents a broad array of interests including aggregates and concrete producers, hot mix asphalt firms, contractors, materials suppliers, equipment dealers, service providers and consulting firms.

TCI worked with the Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition to develop a vision of a 21st Century transportation program. The vision was developed with input from highway and public transit advocates, smart growth advocates, organized labor, the general business community, agriculture, system users such as AAA and AARP, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, aviation systems and others.

Similar to the Transportation Advisory Council, the KTFC vision of a 21st century comprehensive plan: would boost double annual transportation construction to nearly \$5 billion per year. The TCI program would increase PennDOT's funding for maintaining existing highways from its current \$1.5 billion per year to \$2.0 billion. Both highway and transit capacity projects would be funded by a nearly \$2 billion increase in funding. Finally, annual county and local governments' allocations of state funds would rise from \$360 million to \$1 billion per year.

The benefits of such action would be:

- Better quality of life
- Safer PennDOT roads
- Improved public transit, congestion relief
- Local tax relief
- Economic development (jobs)

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association has quantified the impact of doubling Pennsylvania's transportation capital construction program. The study concluded that doubling transportation investment creates more than 50,000 jobs in Pennsylvania, more than half of which are in industries other than construction, such as manufacturing and health care.

State Transportation Advisory Committee Recommends Long-Term Solution
The Need is Real...Solutions Must be Developed Now!

In May 2010, the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) released a report recommending an immediate need for approximately \$3.5 billion annually in new funding to improve the condition of the state's highway, bridge and transit infrastructure. The report also states that Pennsylvania has extensive transportation needs which will require a variety of broad-based funding approaches, some of which could be applied in the near term and others over a longer time period.

TAC Report Recommended Funding (millions)

	2010 Need	2020 Need	2030 Need
Highway & Bridge	\$2,576	\$4,693	\$6,545
Public Transportation	\$484	\$1,383	\$3,063
Local Government	\$432	\$670	\$1,092
TOTAL	\$3,492	\$6,746	\$10,700

The Transportation Construction Industries' vision for a long-term, comprehensive funding solution is embodied in the TAC report. It is this vision that is now shared by other transportation advocates and can be viewed on the Transportation Construction Industries web site at: www.tci-pac.org

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