

Testimony of Kim W. Snyder on behalf of the Transportation Construction Industries
Before the Joint House Transportation and Policy Committee
June 3, 2010

Mr. Chairmen, My name is Kim Snyder. I am president of Eastern Industries located in Center Valley, 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 hot mix asphalt firms, aggregates producers, concrete, contractors, materials suppliers, equipment dealers, services purveyors and consultants.

TCI-PAC 21st Century Transportation Funding Plan

TCI has worked with the Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition to create 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 double annual transportation construction to nearly \$5 billion per year. The TCI program would:

- Increase PennDOT's funding for maintaining existing highways and bridges from its current \$1.5 billion per year to \$2.0 billion.
- Fund capacity projects for highways and transit with an annual increase of \$2 billion.
- Increase annual county and local governments' allocations of state funds 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)

Action Would Reduce Commonwealth Unemployment by 10 Percent

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. This would reduce the current ranks of the 500,000 unemployed Pennsylvanians by 10 percent.

State Transportation Advisory Committee Recommends Long-Term Solution

In May 2010, the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) released a report recommending an immediate need for approximately \$3.5 billion annually in new

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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 TCIs 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 internet at: www.tci-pac.org

In order to pass such a comprehensive vision for transportation we must move past convention wisdom that would say we cannot accomplish such an investment in the Commonwealth.

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