



**STATEMENT BY TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE
Regarding Sen. Jim Tracy Announcement of Hearings on Transportation Funding**

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NASHVILLE – “The members of the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee are grateful to Sen. Tracy for his stand on Tennessee’s long-term transportation infrastructure funding and for advocating for this critical issue to be brought up when the legislature reconvenes next year.

“Sen. Tracy has committed to furthering the discussion this summer and fall by hosting transportation funding hearings across Tennessee. These hearings will be a platform for lawmakers, residents and community leaders to discuss ideas for reforming the current method of funding – a method that isn’t bringing in the dollars needed to adequately maintain and expand our state’s roads and bridges.

“The coalition will provide support and testimony for Sen. Tracy’s hearings.”

- Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance

Video of Sen. Tracy’s remarks on the Senate floor is available at www.tcoftn.org/press-room. (Sen. Tracy’s remarks begin at time mark 1:51:00.)

REPORTER/EDITOR NOTE:

Below are links to important background information, including the current state backlogged project list, the 2015 report from the comptroller’s office on transportation infrastructure funding and the economic impact study released by the TCT.

Comptroller report:

<http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/OREA/PublicationDetails.aspx?ReportKey=57b20768-f541-4531-bfac-4746da14d85c>

Economic impact study: TNinfrastructure.org/Ebook

Backlogged project list: <http://www.tninfrastructure.org/#!tdot-backlog/clrc>

ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE

The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee was created to educate the public and state legislators as it seeks an increase and reform in Tennessee's transportation fees. The coalition aims to recruit other interested parties to join in seeking a comprehensive funding solution to maintain and expand Tennessee's critical transportation system.

Participants in the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee include businesses, citizens, community leaders, public officials and organizations that are interested in continuing Tennessee's transportation infrastructure for the long haul.

The Transportation Coalition steering committee includes representatives from the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance, Auto Club Group/AAA Tennessee, Tennessee Public Transportation Association, Tennessee Trucking Association, Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, Tennessee Municipal League, American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee and Tennessee Road Builders Association.

Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state, with transportation projects funded primarily by state and federal fuel tax revenues. The dollars are apportioned for state and local projects, which include maintenance, repair and new construction.

For more information or to join the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee, visit the website at www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org.

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