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Statement from the Allegheny Conference on Community Development on the proposed cut in transit services announced by the Port Authority today:

(PITTSBURGH – January 18, 2012) On behalf of the business and civic leadership community, we are extremely concerned about the 35% cut in transit services proposed by the Port Authority today and the potential impact of this cut on the people, communities and economy of our region.

We applaud the important steps that Port Authority management has already taken to reduce operating costs, boost productivity and contain legacy costs. The funding crisis that the Port Authority is now facing is part of a much bigger transportation and transit funding crisis facing our Commonwealth.

Last year, Governor Corbett’s Transportation Funding Advisory Commission (TFAC) outlined a realistic and achievable framework for meeting the need for transportation and transit funding.

The Allegheny Conference is committed to working with partners across the region and the state to enact the TFAC recommendations and put an end to this funding crisis.

We call upon business executives and civic leaders, elected officials and others to encourage Governor Corbett and the General Assembly to act now.

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