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Statement from Dennis Yablonsky, CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, on Governor Corbett's announcement on transportation funding

“On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, we commend Governor Corbett for his clear commitment today to comprehensive transportation and transit funding. He recognizes the vital importance of our transportation infrastructure and transit systems in moving goods to market and people to work, school, and other daily activities.

I had the opportunity to serve on the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission which put forward a strong set of recommendations combining sources of stable and consistent funding, streamlined operations and efficiency improvements, and new tools such as public-private partnerships to help improve transportation systems across the state.

We have already seen progress in transportation-related operations and efficiencies as well as legislation on public-private partnerships. It is time now to address the long-term funding we need to operate and maintain our transportation infrastructure and transit systems in the years to come. Without sufficient investment our roads and bridges will deteriorate, and transit systems will be cut or shut down, crippling the state's economy.

We thank the Governor for his leadership today in beginning an important conversation that is critical to economic growth across the Commonwealth. We look forward to working with him, his administration and the General Assembly in the weeks ahead on this issue.”

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