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**Statement from Dennis Yablonsky, CEO, Allegheny Conference
on Community Development on the passage of PA House Bill
1060 providing for increased transportation funding**

(Pittsburgh – November 22, 2013) – On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, we commend Governor Tom Corbett and his administration, PennDOT Secretary Barry Schoch, the PA House and Senate and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for their bipartisan leadership in passing comprehensive, sustainable and sufficient transportation funding yesterday.

House Bill 1060 will ensure that our deteriorating roads and bridges will get fixed, that local governments will have the means to repair local infrastructure, that public transit and other modes of transportation will be appropriately funded to maintain operations. The \$2.3 billion investment established by this bill will result in 50,000 new jobs and 12,000 jobs retained.

Transportation infrastructure is a critical factor in attracting and retaining business investment. A number of nearby states have already committed resources to improved infrastructure. Passage of House Bill 1060 ensures that our state will remain competitive and attractive as a place to do business.

As a member of Governor Corbett's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission (TFAC) which made a detailed study of our state's transportation needs and years-long funding gap, I am pleased to note that this legislation meets the funding framework and intention of the TFAC report.

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