

Investing in our transportation infrastructure is vital to our economic development and competitive position



A well-planned, well-financed, and well-maintained transportation system connects people to jobs and services, provides economic opportunities to diverse communities, strengthens businesses and public institutions, and

improves air quality.

In Massachusetts, we are facing a nearly \$19 billion dollar transportation funding gap over the next 20 years to simply operate and maintain our existing transportation infrastructure.

To begin to address this gap, a diverse coalition of organizations is working together for increased transportation investment in Massachusetts. We support legislation, programs and policies to adequately fund the repair and maintenance of our existing transportation system, as well as investment in strategic expansion and enhancement projects.

We are

Our Transportation Future

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"This is a statewide problem, and requires a solution that spreads the burden to fix it. State officials shouldn't wait for a tragic road or bridge collapse to show leadership on this issue."

Boston Globe Editorial, June 24, 2008

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History

In March 2007, a report authored by the Transportation Finance Commission asserted that the Commonwealth faces a \$15 to \$19 billion gap between currently available funding and what is needed simply to operate and maintain our current transportation infrastructure over the next 20 years.

According to a June 2008 report released by the Washington D.C. organization, TRIP, more than half of the state's bridges are structurally deficient or obsolete, more than one-third of the state's major roads and highways are in poor or fair condition, and roughly 38 percent of MBTA buses and 82 percent of rail cars are in poor or marginal condition.

Our Transportation Future will continue to seek ways for the Commonwealth to continue to address this critical transportation finance issue.



Leaders of Our Transportation Future hold a press event highlighting the Commonwealth's state of transportation disrepair, June 2008.

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Infrastructure in disrepair . . .

- o 52% of Massachusetts' bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
- o 36% of the state's major roads and highways are in poor or fair condition
- o Driving on roads in need of repair costs Massachusetts' motorists \$718 million annually
- o 38% of MBTA buses are in poor or marginal condition
- o 82% of MBTA rapid transit rail cars are in poor or marginal condition
- o 69% of commuter rail locomotives and a total of 84% of commuter rail coaches are rated in poor or marginal condition

source: TRIP report

What we can do . . .

- o Increase the size and breadth of the Our Transportation Future - demonstrate a wide-spread interest in addressing the problem
- o Educate the public on the significant benefits of a healthy transportation system
- o Encourage the media to report on transportation investment issues
- o Continue to reach out to a broad base of opinion leaders and policy makers on the importance of transportation investment
- o Continue to offer thought provoking arenas for public discussion on the issue

"All kinds of jobs depend on upgrading the infrastructure, not just construction. Other states see this logic and are pressing forward with ambitious transportation plans, even raising taxes to do so."

Metro West Daily News Editorial, January 29, 2008

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