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SUBJECT: Legislation Prohibiting the Flexing of Transportation Funding

In the near future I plan on re-introducing Senate Bill 1450, legislation that would prohibit the State Transportation Commission from flexing Federal Highway and Bridge monies to the various transit authorities throughout the Commonwealth.

Currently the 15 members of the Transportation Commission, all gubernatorial appointees, have the ability to "flex" federal highway dollars that are not specifically appropriated to different areas such as transit authorities.

Throughout his administration Governor Rendell has repeatedly asked for, and the transportation commission has approved, the flexing of millions of dollars away from road and bridges to transit authorities such as SEPTA. Given the current state of our transportation funding I believe that it is imperative to keep federal highway dollars flowing to roads and bridges where they are desperately needed.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact BJ Sieg at bsieg@pasen.gov or 7-2637.