

TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.
DATE: January 14, 2011
RE: Co-sponsorship – Public Private Partnerships

I plan to introduce legislation, similar to Senate Bill 693 from last session, to allow for Public Private Partnerships in Pennsylvania related to transportation facilities.

In the simplest terms, a Public Private Partnership is an arrangement whereby PennDOT or another public entity would contract with the private sector for investment in a public transportation facility. In return, the private entity would be entitled to all or a portion of revenue generated from the facility. This legislation does not address the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

With scarce transportation dollars available and a statewide funding shortfall, a Public Private Partnership is a tool that can not only relieve the Commonwealth of certain operational and maintenance costs, but also provide for much needed construction projects not supported by current funding levels.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cecilia Boyer at cboyer@pasen.gov or call 787-1398.