



**Joint Hearings of the PA House of Representatives' Transportation and Policy Committees
Lynn Manion
June 18, 2010**

My name is Lynn Manion. I'm the Executive Director of the Airport Corridor Transportation Association---ACTA. We are a transportation management association—a nonprofit membership group representing private businesses and public entities with an interest in transportation issues in the airport corridor. Our mission is to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in our area.

Over the past several years we have worked with the Port Authority to create a system that gets workers to their jobs, students to school, and shoppers to the retail areas. With the transit hub at IKEA in Robinson Town Centre and our on-demand RideACTA shuttle service that provides last mile service between the bus stop and hundreds of local job sites, we are on our way to creating a model suburban shared-ride system, one that is unique in the Pittsburgh region. Over the past year, we have seen ridership increase well over 100%.

The anticipated cuts in service and increases in fares that will occur if a sustainable funding solution is not found for Pennsylvania transit agencies will devastate the model that we've tried to create.

These are a few of the reverberating consequences of the elimination or reduction of service for people who live and work in the airport corridor:

- **Cleaning crews who work overnight in offices and at the Mall at Robinson, many of whom are dependent on public transit will not be able to get to work.**
- **Retail and restaurant workers in the Robinson/North Fayette retail centers, many of whom also work non-traditional hours will not have a way to get home after 9 p.m.**
- **RideACTA shuttles for employees at Penn Center West Office Park that meet up with Port Authority service to take entry-level workers to their jobs will have to be discontinued**
- **The impact extends beyond bus riders---with more people using their cars to commute, travel time on the Parkway West will definitely increase**
- **And of course, ACTA's future plans to build on our suburban model with on-demand service will be put on hold**

ACTA is committed to working with the Port Authority and all our regional transit agencies until a dedicated source of funding is found. We ask our state legislators to make the same commitment---to make funding for transit and an overall sustainable transportation system in Pennsylvania their first priority.

In closing, I would like to submit the following letter from some of our members and friends:

June 18, 2010

Honorable Joseph Markosek
314 Irvis Office Building
PO Box 202025
Harrisburg PA 7120-2025



We the undersigned friends and members of the Airport Corridor Transportation Association, are writing to express our support for a sustainable funding solution for the Port Authority of Allegheny County. Many of us have employees who depend on the bus to get to work. We recognize the importance of adequate bus service to maintain the economic vitality of the airport corridor.

Allegheny County Airport Authority
Armstrong Telephone Company
Giant Eagle Market District – Settlers Ridge
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
L. Robert Kimball & Associates
Mackin Engineering Company
Maguire Group
Mainstay Suites by Choice Pittsburgh – Airport
The Mall at Robinson
NCO Group, Inc.
Pittsburgh Technical Institute
Smokey Bones
Vital Signs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn L. Manion", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lynn L. Manion
Executive Director

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June 15, 2010

Honorable Joseph Markosek
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RE: Port Authority of Allegheny County

Dear Representative Markosek:

As a member and friend of the Airport Corridor Transportation Association, I am writing to express our support for the Port Authority of Allegheny County. Many of our residents depend on transit service to work and shop in the airport corridor. We recognize the importance of adequate bus service to maintain the economic vitality of the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
TOWNSHIP OF MOON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Adam J. McGurk, AICP
Assistant Township Manager/Planning Director

cc: Jeanne Creese, Township Manager
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