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A SUPPLEMENT

1 To the act of May 7, 1998 (P.L.343, No.52), entitled "An act
2 providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1998-
3 1999," itemizing transportation assistance projects to be
4 constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of
5 Transportation, together with their estimated financial
6 costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval
7 of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to
8 be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of
9 Transportation; stating the estimated useful life of the
10 projects; and making an appropriation.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Short title.

14 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Capital
15 Budget Transportation Assistance Project Itemization Act for
16 1998-1999.

17 Section 2. Total authorization.

18 The total authorization for the capital projects in the
19 category of transportation assistance projects itemized in
20 section 3 with respect to which an interest is to be acquired in
21 or constructed by the Department of Transportation, its

1 successors or assigns, and to be financed by the incurring of
2 debt, shall be \$57,901,000.

3 Section 3. Itemization of transportation assistance projects.

4 Additional capital projects in the category of transportation
5 assistance projects for rural and intercity rail service
6 projects in which an interest is to be acquired or constructed
7 by the Department of Transportation, its successors or assigns,
8 and to be financed by the incurring of debt, are hereby
9 itemized, together with their estimated financial costs, as
10 follows:

11		Total
12		Project
13	Project	Allocation
14	(1) Clearfield County	
15	(i) R. J. Corman Railroad Company	
16	(A) Rehabilitation of Cherry Tree Branch	
17	Line from Milepost 36 through Milepost	
18	54, inclusive	1,893,000
19	(2) Northampton County	
20	(i) Beth Intermodal, Inc. and Philadelphia,	
21	Bethlehem and New England Railroad Co.	
22	(PBNE)	
23	(A) Construction of Intermodal facility in	
24	Bethlehem, including Phase I	
25	construction of railroad tracks,	
26	storage, paving, drainage, lighting,	
27	office facilities, placement of	
28	utilities, internal road system to	
29	connect to PA 412 and Interstate 78	6,600,000
30	(3) Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc.	

1	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
2	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
3	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
4	or manual protection and any other related	
5	work	462,000
6	(ii) Complete rail rehabilitation from Warren	
7	to Erie, including, but not limited to,	
8	rail, ties, bridge deck repairs and road	
9	crossing improvements	8,015,000
10	(Base Project Allocation - \$7,287,000)	
11	(Design and Contingencies - \$728,000)	
12	(iii) Complete rail rehabilitation from Warren	
13	to Johnsonburg, including, but not limited	
14	to, replacement of cross and switch ties;	
15	rebuild and replacement of rail and rail	
16	infrastructure and road crossing	
17	improvements	3,978,000
18	(Base Project Allocation - \$3,616,000)	
19	(Design and Contingencies - \$362,000)	
20	(iv) Construction of New Switch Yards along	
21	Allegheny & Eastern, weed spraying and rail	
22	testing over entire line	1,455,000
23	(Base Project Allocation - \$1,323,000)	
24	(Design and Contingencies - \$132,000)	
25	(4) Allegheny Valley Railroad	
26	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
27	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
28	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
29	or manual protection and any other related	
30	work	207,000

1	(ii) Complete rail rehabilitation between New	
2	Kensington and Pittsburgh, including, but	
3	not limited to, rail infrastructure, ties,	
4	tracks, safety improvements, surfaces,	
5	subsurfaces, signals and related work	4,000,000
6	(5) Bradford Industrial Railroad, Inc.	
7	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
8	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
9	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
10	or manual protection and any other related	
11	work	45,000
12	(6) Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.	
13	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
14	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
15	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
16	or manual protection and any other related	
17	work	508,000
18	(ii) Construction of connector for Buffalo and	
19	Pittsburgh Railroad and Western Allegheny	
20	Branch south of Karn City	2,750,000
21	(Base Project Allocation - \$2,500,000)	
22	(Design and Contingencies - \$250,000)	
23	(iii) Rehabilitation of selected areas of	
24	Western Allegheny Branch	440,000
25	(Base Project Allocation - \$400,000)	
26	(Design and Contingencies - \$40,000)	
27	(iv) Rehabilitation of rail line to Petrolia	3,300,000
28	(Base Project Allocation - \$3,000,000)	
29	(Design and Contingencies - \$300,000)	
30	(7) Delaware and Hudson Railway Co.	

1	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
2	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
3	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
4	or manual protection and any other related	
5	work	172,000
6	(ii) Construction of terminal for truck on	
7	train service between Philadelphia-	
8	Harrisburg-Allentown markets and Canada,	
9	including access track infrastructure,	
10	terminal track infrastructure, paving,	
11	lighting and other associated improvements	
12	related to such a facility	7,700,000
13	(Base Project Allocation - \$7,000,000)	
14	(Design and Contingencies - \$700,000)	
15	(iii) Improvements to rail infrastructure,	
16	including, but not limited to, ties, rail,	
17	bridge improvements, safety improvements	
18	needed to improve that portion of mainline	
19	in this Commonwealth to accommodate train	
20	service from and to Canada	5,500,000
21	(Base Project Allocation - \$5,000,000)	
22	(Design and Contingencies - \$500,000)	
23	(iv) Upgrade and rehabilitate rail track	
24	infrastructure at Philadelphia Naval	
25	Business Center to improve access to	
26	Building 603 Complex including the	
27	rebuilding of switches and track	275,000
28	(Base Project Allocation - \$250,000)	
29	(Design and Contingencies - \$25,000)	
30	(v) Rehabilitate rail siding on main line of	

1	Delaware & Hudson Railroad near Nescopeck,	
2	PA, including replacement of turnouts and	
3	replacement of signal facilities with solid	
4	state interlockings and associated cabling,	
5	track side signals and electronics	660,000
6	(Base Project Allocation - \$600,000)	
7	(Design and Contingencies - \$60,000)	
8	(vi) Rehabilitate crossing at SR 339 with new	
9	state-of-the-art automatic highway warning	
10	devices and new crossing surface including	
11	track and rail interface materials	259,000
12	(Base Project Allocation - \$235,000)	
13	(Design and Contingencies - \$24,000)	
14	(vii) Rehabilitation of existing track and	
15	construction of new track to service bulk	
16	handling facility module in Lackawanna	
17	County including new switching timbers,	
18	turnouts, track upgrade, including, but not	
19	limited to, track infrastructure materials,	
20	grading, filing, drainage, lighting,	
21	fencing and other associated improvements	495,000
22	(Base Project Allocation - \$450,000)	
23	(Design and Contingencies - \$45,000)	
24	(8) Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad Company	
25	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
26	crossings including tracks, ties, surfaces,	
27	subsurfaces, signals, automatic or manual	
28	protection and any other related work	630,000
29	(9) Emons Transportation Group, Inc.	
30	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	

1	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
2	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
3	or manual protection and any other related	
4	work	
5	(A) Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad	570,000
6	(B) Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc.,	
7	Lancaster Line	789,000
8	(C) Perkiomen Line	405,000
9	(D) Yorkrail, Inc.	640,000
10	(10) Everett Railroad	
11	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
12	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
13	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
14	or manual protection and any other related	
15	work	270,000
16	(11) Gettysburg Railroad Company, Inc.	
17	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
18	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
19	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
20	or manual protection and any other related	
21	work	460,000
22	(12) Hollidaysburg and Roaring Spring Railroad	
23	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
24	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
25	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
26	or manual protection and any other related	
27	work	400,000
28	(13) Juniata Valley Railroad	
29	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
30	crossings, including tracks, ties,	

1	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
2	or manual protection and any other related	
3	work	133,000
4	(14) Lycoming Valley Railroad	
5	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
6	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
7	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
8	or manual protection and any other related	
9	work	116,000
10	(15) Morrison's Cove Railroad	
11	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
12	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
13	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
14	or manual protection and any other related	
15	work	120,000
16	(16) Nittany Bald Eagle Railroad	
17	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
18	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
19	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
20	or manual protection and any other related	
21	work	287,000
22	(17) North Shore Railroad	
23	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
24	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
25	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
26	or manual protection and any other related	
27	work	62,000
28	(18) Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.	
29	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
30	crossings, including tracks, ties,	

1	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
2	or manual protection and any other related	
3	work	343,000
4	(19) Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad	
5	Company	
6	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
7	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
8	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
9	or manual protection and any other related	
10	work	805,000
11	(ii) CNS Bridge	950,000
12	(20) SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority	
13	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
14	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
15	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
16	or manual protection and any other related	
17	work	
18	(A) Juniata Valley Railroad	50,000
19	(B) Lycoming Valley Railroad	167,000
20	(C) Nittany & Bald Eagle	260,000
21	(D) North Shore Railroad	200,000
22	(E) Shamokin Valley Railroad	127,000
23	(21) Shamokin Valley Railroad	
24	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	
25	crossings, including tracks, ties,	
26	surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic	
27	or manual protection and any other related	
28	work	672,000
29	(22) Wellsboro and Corning Rail Line	
30	(i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade	

1 crossings, including tracks, ties,
2 surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic
3 or manual protection and any other related
4 work 86,000

5 (23) Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company

6 (i) Repair and/or rehabilitation of grade
7 crossings, including tracks, ties,
8 surfaces, subsurfaces, signals, automatic
9 or manual protection and any other related
10 work 645,000

11 Section 4. Debt authorization.

12 The Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer are
13 hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, in
14 addition to any authorization heretofore or hereafter enacted,
15 on the credit of the Commonwealth, subject to the limitations
16 provided in the current capital budget, money not exceeding in
17 the aggregate the sum of \$57,901,000 as may be found necessary
18 to carry out the acquisition and construction of the
19 transportation assistance projects specifically itemized in a
20 capital budget.

21 Section 5. Issue of bonds.

22 The indebtedness authorized in this act shall be incurred,
23 from time to time, and shall be evidenced by one or more series
24 of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth in such
25 aggregate principal amount for each series as the Governor, the
26 Auditor General and the State Treasurer shall determine, but the
27 latest stated maturity date shall not exceed the estimated
28 useful life of the projects being financed as stated in section
29 6.

30 Section 6. Estimated useful life and term of debt.

1 (a) Estimated useful life.--The General Assembly states that
2 the estimated useful life of the transportation assistance
3 projects itemized in this act is as follows:

4 (1) Transportation assistance projects:

5 (i) Rolling stock, 15 years.

6 (ii) Passenger buses, 12 years.

7 (iii) Furniture and equipment, 10 years.

8 (iv) All others, 30 years.

9 (b) Term of debt.--The maximum term of the debt authorized
10 to be incurred under this act is 30 years.

11 Section 7. Appropriations.

12 The net proceeds of the sale of the obligations authorized in
13 this act are hereby appropriated from the Capital Facilities
14 Fund to the Department of Transportation in the maximum amount
15 of \$57,901,000 to be used by it exclusively to defray the
16 financial cost of the transportation assistance projects
17 specifically itemized in a capital budget. After reserving or
18 paying the expense of the sale of the obligation, the State
19 Treasurer shall pay to the Department of Transportation the
20 moneys as required and certified by it to be legally due and
21 payable.

22 Section 8. Federal funds.

23 In addition to those funds appropriated in section 7, all
24 moneys received from the Federal Government for the projects
25 specifically itemized in this act are also hereby appropriated
26 for those projects.

27 Section 9. Editorial changes.

28 In editing and preparing this act for printing following the
29 final enactment, the Legislative Reference Bureau shall insert
30 or revise letters or numbers for projects where the letters or

1 numbers are missing or require revision. The bureau shall also
2 revise the total monetary amounts for the total authorization,
3 debt authorization, appropriations and departmental totals as
4 necessary to agree with the total monetary amounts of the
5 projects.

6 Section 10. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.