

**SFY 2007-2008 Subcommittee on Transportation
Report to the General Conference Committee**

To: Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Co-Chair
Joint General Conference Committee

From: Senator Michael Nozzolio, Co-Chair
Assemblyman David Gantt, Co-Chair
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Transportation

Subject: Detailed Report of the Subcommittee on Transportation

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On March 30, 2007, the Transportation Conference Subcommittee completed its work and reported to the General Conference Committee. We are pleased to present this report which provides details on budget matters agreed to by the Subcommittee.

With respect to the allocation of the Subcommittee's table target, the Subcommittee confers to the following:

1. Non-MTA Transit Operating Aid

The Subcommittee agrees to allocate an additional \$2 million to the Capital District Transportation Authority and an additional \$3 million to the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, with \$1 million of such funds to be allocated from the Clean Air Fund.

2. Work Zone Safety

The Subcommittee rejects the proposal authorizing 50 speed cameras in highway work zones, accepts the proposal for 50 State troopers for highway work zone enforcement, and agrees to allocate an additional \$4.4 million for the costs of additional State troopers for highway work zone traffic enforcement and other work zone safety measures.

3. Transportation Programs

The Subcommittee agrees to allocate \$600,000 for transportation programs including \$300,000 for the Seaway Trail program and \$300,000 for other transportation programs.

4. Retrofit of State-Owned Diesel Vehicles

The Subcommittee agrees to allocate \$3 million for retrofitting State-owned diesel vehicles in severe non-attainment areas.

The Subcommittee agrees to the following proposals:

- **Highway and Bridge Construction**

Increasing the letting level for highway and bridge construction and maintenance to \$1.975 billion.

- **Non-MTA Transit Capital**

Providing \$17.5 million for the acquisition of clean fuel buses and other capital infrastructure projects for non-MTA transit systems.

- **Non-Personal Service Expenditures**

Reducing by \$1 million non-personal service expenditures of the Department of Transportation.

- **Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)**

- Providing \$2.4 billion in transit aid.
- Providing \$352 million for MTA capital projects.
- Providing a \$660.1 million MTA contingency appropriation for SFY 2007-08.

- **Airport Improvement and Revitalization**

Authorizing the utilization of funds in the Airport or Aviation State Program for the cost of airport improvement and revitalization projects, in an amount by which \$8,000,000 exceeds the sum of the amount in such State fiscal year for the State share of federal projects and for project costs at Stewart and Republic Airports.

- **Franchise Tax on Transportation and Transmission Corporations and Associations and Transit Aid**

Rejects the proposal to permanently redistribute a percentage of the transmissions tax to upstate transit systems, and provide \$23 million in SFY 2007-08 to upstate transit agencies from the Metropolitan Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Account.

- **Thruway Authority**

Providing \$2 million for New York State Canal System development.

- **Multi-Modal Program Funding**

Providing a \$200 million reappropriation for the Multi-Modal program.

- **Interstate 84**

Authorizing the Department of Transportation to contract with the Thruway Authority for the operation and maintenance of I-84 by the Thruway Authority.

The Subcommittee agrees to reject the following proposals:

- **Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**
 - Providing \$500,000 for customer service kiosks.
 - Providing \$72,000 for Internet-Based Permit Testing.

The Subcommittee agrees on the following actions in relation to Article VII Proposals:

- Provide \$39.7 million in Marchiselli funding.
- Extend the sunset for the State DOT Single Audit program for one year.
- Extend for two years the sunset for the law requiring the suspension pending prosecution of drivers' licenses of individuals convicted of certain alcohol-related offenses.
- Extend for two years the sunset for the law requiring the suspension of drivers' licenses of individuals who are in arrearages for child support payments.
- Extend for two years the sunset for the law requiring the suspension of drivers' licenses of individuals convicted of certain drug-related offenses.
- Provide \$312.5 million for the CHIPs program, an increase of \$16 million above the Executive proposal.
- Reject the proposal regarding the authorization of service of acquisition notices by certified mail in relation to the suspension of interest in eminent domain proceedings.
- Reject the proposal establishing a Transit Performance Measurement Panel.
- Reject the proposal establishing a Transit Procurement Council.
- Reject the proposal regarding DMV bulk mailing provisions.
- Extend for two years provisions of law relating to compulsory insurance.
- Reject the proposal amending provisions of law relating to various Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund reporting requirements, and postpone by one year the effective date of the reporting requirements.
- With respect to the proposal regarding the Unified Motor Carrier Registration System and the proposal regarding modifications to New York State law with respect to federal commercial driver's license requirements, we have agreed to deny both proposals and to address them later in this legislative session.

The Subcommittee agrees to refer to the General Conference Committee the following issues for which we have no agreement:

- **Industrial Access Program (IAP)**

The Assembly proposal would provide a \$9 million appropriation for the Industrial Access Program, of which \$1.8 million will be available for the payment of costs of projects designated by the Senate and \$1.8 million for the payment of costs of projects designated by the Assembly, provided that the designation of projects by the Senate and Assembly is pursuant to the methodology, criteria, program requirements and approvals as are required for the funding of all projects funded by this appropriation.

The Senate proposal would provide a \$9 million appropriation for the Industrial Access Program, of which \$3.6 million would be available for the payment of costs of projects designated by the Senate and Assembly.

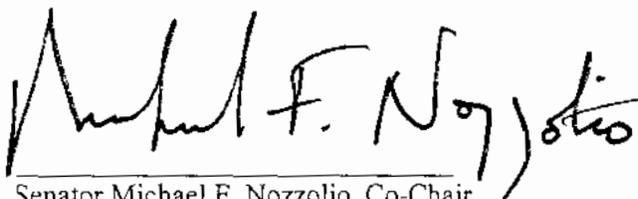
The Subcommittee has no agreement on the language on this issue.

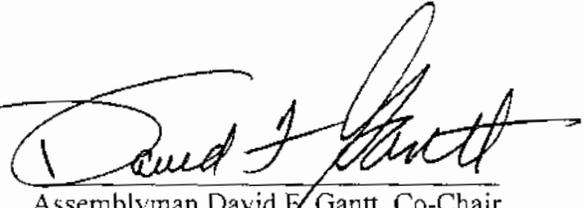
- **Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP)**

The Assembly proposes to reject this program to allow time for additional review.

The Senate proposes to accept the program.

The Subcommittee has no agreement on this proposal.


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