

Local Transportation Funding Under Attack

Senate Expected to Take up FY 09-10 Transportation Budget Tomorrow

- The Michigan State Senate has reported SB 254(S-2) with recommendation to the Senate floor. This bill is primed to move this week
- SB 254(S-2) provides \$3.2 billion for all state/local transportation programs – including local roads, local transit service, the Grand Rapids – Chicago AMTRAK line, and the Port Huron – Chicago AMTRAK line.

Local Transportation Funding Being Cut

- The Senate Appropriations Committee did the following:
 - Cut local road funding by \$16.26 million
 - Cut the AMTRAK Subsidy by \$2 million
 - Cut Local Bus Operating by \$4.28 million

What Will These Cuts Mean?

- 20, 914 miles of local roads will continue to be underfunded
- Local bus systems will not be able to provide adequate service due
- One or both of the state funded AMTRAK lines will have to be eliminated

What Can Be Done

- Contact your State Senator and State Representative and ask them for the following:
 - Restore the cuts to the Local Bus Operating program
 - Restore the cuts to the Rail Passenger Service/AMTRAK program
 - Support the enactment of the Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2) recommendations, including the following:
 - Stop redirecting funds from the transportation fund to the general fund
 - Increase motor fuel taxes and vehicle registrations to meet local shortfalls
 - Give locals the ability to raise funds from local sources for needed transportation projects.