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This Week, Take Action

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Take Action For Greenways and Trails!



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This Week, Take Action: Contact your state representative and tell them to support bike and pedestrian projects in the transportation funding bill!

The PA House is considering sharp cuts to proposed state transportation funding. If you want safer roads, bridges, bike and pedestrian facilities, and road programs that reduce water pollution, join us and contact your representative this week!

Our state has 9,000 miles of roads in poor condition and 4,400 deficient bridges. Obviously, the current level of state transportation funding does not adequately meet our needs. Moreover, 59% PA voters (http://tracking.etapestrv.com/t/26713696/827884575/56698806/0/) have said they are willing to pay \$2.50/week to improve safety and relieve congestion.

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) recognizes that the passage of a PA transportation funding bill will positively impact Susquehanna Greenway communities by increasing the levels of state funding for multi-modal transportation programs. Robust multi-modal systems help to promote tourism and recreational use of our region's extensive system of water and land trails, reduce congestion on roads, and promote in-fill development that preserves green space and supports vibrant small towns.

SGP joins with other members of the Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition to support the passage of a \$2.5 billion comprehensive funding bill. Tell your legislator to support these key components of the bill that will make our communities, environment and the people of Pennsylvania healthier:

• A new \$30 million Multi-modal Fund - Tell vour legislator this should include:

- \$10 million for bike and pedestrian safety, streetscape & lighting projects. This is the first time in the history of PA transportation funding legislation that a grant program for bicycle and pedestrian facilities is being proposed!
- Scenic overlooks and land conservation easements along transportation corridors
- Improvements to stream and river access as part of bridge and road projects
- Dirt and Gravel Roads Increased allocations for this program which reduces road runoff and improves our water
- Multi-Bridge Program Will save costs by allowing multiple bridges to be rehabilitated as one project for design and construction purposes.

We are working hard to ensure that our legislators support dedicated transportation funding for walking, biking and greenway connections - our Board of Directors has adopted these $\underline{\text{transportation priorities}}$ (http://tracking.etapestry.com/t/26713696/827884575/56698807/0/) and has been advocating and meeting with representatives. You can show your support by:

- <u>Calling your representative (http://tracking.etapestry.com/t/26713696/827884575/56698808/0/)</u> They appreciate hearing from constituents!
- Send an email (http://tracking.etapestry.com/t/26713696/827884575/56698808/0/) to your representative urging them to support a comprehensive transportation funding solution that invests in biking and walking, and encourages healthy, sustainable, connected communities.
- Sharing this Action Alert with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, or other platform using the Social Media buttons at the bottom of this email.

Thank you for supporting bike, pedestrian, and river connections along the Susquehanna Greenway!

Please visit our website at www.susquehannagreenway.org (http://tracking.etapestry.com/t/26713696/827884575/53997386/0/).

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