

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
RESOLUTION - TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND  
*Adopted: April 15, 2011*

A RESOLUTION urging Local Aid allocations from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$300 million per year with \$115 million each for counties and municipalities, \$20 million in discretionary funding for the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and an additional \$50 million for county bridges.

WHEREAS, county governments maintain over 6,792 centerline miles of roads, 13,584 lane miles of roads, and 7014 total bridges that along with municipal roadways carry an estimated 55% of the State's traffic; and

WHEREAS, county governments have an annual need of \$86 million for resurfacing, \$277 million for bridges, \$84 million for construction and reconstruction, and \$67 million for design and contract administration for a total need of \$514 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the current Transportation Trust Fund allocates \$175 million per year as Local Aid with \$78.75 million each for counties and municipalities, \$17.5 million in discretionary funding for the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and an additional \$25 million for county bridges leaving county governments responsible for financing \$402 million of its total need through the collection of local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, at a time in which local governments are struggling to make ends meet, enhancing Local Aid allocations to the levels recommended by the Transportation Blue Ribbon Commission in 2003 and the New Jersey State Association of County Engineers would mitigate the reliance on the collection of local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of county governments and taxpayers to increase Local Aid allocations from the Transportation Trust Fund necessary to complete much needed transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Association of Counties does in fact hereby urge increasing Local Aid allocations from the Transportation Trust Fund to \$300 million per year with \$115 million each for counties and municipalities, \$20 million in discretionary funding for the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and an additional \$50 million for county bridges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, the clerks of the boards of chosen freeholders of all twenty-one counties, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, and the New Jersey State Association of County Engineers, and the New Jersey Alliance for Action.

Signed: Beth E. Timberman  
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