

Putting the **Trust** Back in the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund

Friday, July 15, 2005
8:30 AM to Noon
Special Events Forum
Bloustein School, Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Free and Open to the Public

New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund is going broke. While property tax relief and funding for education are the fiscal issues that have dominated public debate in recent months, New Jersey's most pressing financial problem is transportation funding.

By June 30, 2006, New Jersey will have depleted almost all of the revenue sources it now uses to pay the costs of maintaining and building its road and mass transit systems. Nearly every penny paid in state gas taxes and other constitutionally dedicated taxes and fees will be needed to cover debt from past transportation spending.

A combination of factors over the last few years, including increased bonding, insufficient revenue collection and increased investments to meet travel needs has made the situation even more dire than predicted two years ago by a Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission established by the Governor. The simple fact is that New Jersey must fix the Transportation Trust Fund now.

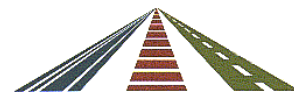
Join us for a program that reviews our report (to be released July 11), explores the current transportation finance crisis and the reforms needed to bring the TTF back to solvency. For more information, contact RPA at 732-828-9945.



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Registration and Refreshments

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Thomas G. Dallessio AICP/PP, Vice President and New Jersey Director, Regional Plan Association

A Transportation-Driven World-Class Economy: New Jersey at Risk

Dr. James Hughes, Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

Needs and Reforms: An Overview of the Report

Alexis Perrotta, Senior Policy Analyst, Regional Plan Association

From “Pay As You Go” to “Borrow and Spend”

David Beale, Principal, Goldman, Beale Associates (invited)

Why Does This Matter?

John Orcutt, Executive Director, Tri-State Transportation Campaign

Pam Fischer, Vice President - Public Affairs, AAA Clubs of New Jersey

Jeffrey Zupan, Senior Fellow, Regional Plan Association

Break

It's Two Years After the Blue Ribbon Commission: What's New?

Martin Robins, Director, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University

Keynote Address

Responses from the Field

Transportation, local government, civic, environmental, and development perspectives will comment on the report.

Questions & Answers

A Call to Action

Thomas G. Dallessio AICP/PP

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