

# Transition Committee on Transportation Report

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# CHARGE

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- Governor Edwards charged the 27 member committee with proposing an agenda to:
  - Restore Trust in the Transportation Trust Fund
  - Address the \$12.7 billion backlog
  - Increase capital outlay use on transportation
  - Maximize federal funds



# Approach

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- ❑ 5 meetings over 2.5 week period and received overviews on:
  - ❑ DOTD structure, processes
  - ❑ Transportation Trust Fund
  - ❑ Capital Outlay
  - ❑ New Office of Multimodal Commerce



## Findings: TTF

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- TTF has been reduced by inflation and diversions
- Recommended reversal of TTF diversions



## Findings: Needs Backlog

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- ❑ Existing \$12.7 billion in highway and bridge projects
- ❑ Recommended \$1 billion in annual construction lettings



## Findings: Capital Outlay

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- Capital Outlay process strained, not enough transportation focus
- Recommended:
  - Removal of local projects from capital outlay bill or limit local projects to transportation infrastructure; OR
  - Find new sources of money for an additional \$75 million in annual funding



## Findings: Revenue Sources

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- Current revenue sources limited
- Recommended reviewing additional sources, provided menu of 12 revenue sources to consider



## Findings: Federal Funds

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- New opportunities under the FAST Act
- Recommended applying for new federal grant opportunities



## Findings: Multi-modalism

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- ❑ New Office of Multimodal Commerce
- ❑ Recommended prioritizing multimodal transportation:

  - ❑ Seek federal funding for port, airport and rail expansion and maintenance



## Summary

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- ❑ Transition Committee made numerous recommendations already carried out by Governor Edwards
- ❑ Transition Committee laid out general vision for transportation under the administration, recognized the need for community driven approach to determining transportation funding solutions

