



What They're Saying: Volume 2:

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Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager for the Laborers' International Union of North America, Raymond Pocino: "New Jersey is a transportation state. Our economy and quality of life depends on a safe and efficient transportation system, something our residents and businesses need and deserve, something that needed to get done." (Press Release, 9/30/16)

- "I am grateful an agreement has been made to fund the Transportation Trust Fund and thankful that people can get back to work maintaining and modernizing our transportation system; that local aid can flow to communities; and that we can start-up stalled projects and get New Jersey moving again.
- "During the past three months I have spoken at length with Governor Christie and Speaker Prieto, and I thank them for their willingness to find areas of agreement. They found a way to responsibly fund our transportation system while also providing tax relief to New Jerseyans. They showed that compromise can happen.
- "Our transportation system needs a reliable and sustainable funding source to meet New Jersey's needs and we have it with this agreement. I congratulate everyone who had a hand in making this deal possible and look forward to it being signed into law as soon as possible."

CEO of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association, Bobby Briant: "Today's agreement is a great example of what can happen when our state's leaders come together, seek compromise, and act in the best interests of our residents. This is the kind of long-term thinking that New Jersey has desperately needed on transportation infrastructure." ([Twitter](#), 9/30/16)

- "Raising the gas tax will provide the billions in revenue our state needs to fix our broken roads and bridges and pay down our debt, while also steering clear of past borrowing practices that are now haunting us. Additional tax cuts will help create a more level playing field for working people in New Jersey."

- “On behalf of the UTCA, I thank Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, and Speaker Prieto for their action today. They are putting this state on the right path when it comes to rebuilding our infrastructure, creating jobs, and investing in our economy.”

Executive Director NJAC, John Donnadio: “The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) commends Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, and Speaker Prieto for their leadership in reaching a fair and equitable agreement to create a stable, dependable, and long-term source of funding for the Transportation Trust Fund that will promote economic growth and job development, provide critical property tax relief, and ensure a safe and reliable network of roads and bridges.” ([Twitter](#), 10/4/16)

President of the League of Municipalities and Mayor of West Caldwell, Joseph Tempesta: “First and foremost, we deeply appreciate the continued efforts of the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker to forge a compromise. In particular, we appreciate the commitment of both legislative leaders to assure an appropriate increase in local aid. The League has strongly advocated for adequate investment in our transportation systems, a restoration of local transportation funding and for fairness for property taxpayers. It appears that the compromise announced on Friday provides for sustained, long-term funding for transportation projects that does not rely on the property tax.” (Press Release, 10/3/16)

Co-Chair of the League of Municipalities TTF Committee and Mayor of Hope Township, Timothy McDonough:

“The TTF is the top priority for New Jersey drivers, for New Jersey businesses and for New Jersey’s future. The Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker have shown their commitment to a bi-partisan solution to provide long-term, adequate, reliable funding for essential work on our vital transportation infrastructure. Further we have worked closely with Legislative Leadership, including Senators Sarlo and Oroho, and other stakeholders to assure a full restoration of funding for Local Aid, in recognition of the fact that local roads and bridges bear more than half of all traffic in our Garden State. This will provide a measure of relief to our over-burdened property taxpayers.” ([Twitter](#), 10/3/16)

New Jersey Alliance for Action President, Phillip Beachem: “This agreement is a major step forward towards achieving a long term and stable transportation funding program. If the members of the Senate and Assembly agree, we can get people back to work on critically important transportation projects throughout the State”. ([Twitter](#), 10/2/16)

Chair of Forward New Jersey, Tom Bracken: “Now that a long-term source of funding has been identified and agreed upon, it is crucial that the voters of New Jersey take the next step. On November 8, they can ensure that every single cent of the gas tax is constitutionally dedicated to the TTF. With voters saying yes to Question 2, New Jersey can, finally, have the reliable, sustainable, long-term AND constitutionally dedicated TTF funding it has needed for decades.” (Press Release, 9/30/16)

Commercial Real Estate Development Association: We commend Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto for reaching a compromise plan to provide reliable, sustainable and long-term funding of the TTF. The 23-cent increase in the gas tax will generate \$4 billion (with federal matching) for an eight-year program that will benefit all NJ residents and businesses, and the tax reductions will support income retention as New Jerseyans at all income levels will find it more affordable to live, work and retire in the Garden State.” (Press Release, 10/3/16)

- Now we urge the Senate and the Assembly to pass this legislation immediately and send it to the Governor for his signature. Further, we encourage voters to approve Question 2 on the November 8 ballot to ensure that every cent of the gas tax is constitutionally dedicated to the TTF.”