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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Statement of Gov. Whitman Regarding Today's Developments on the Reauthorization of the Transportation Trust Fund**

"It is disappointing to learn that such an important issue for all of the residents of New Jersey has, at least temporarily, been turned into a partisan squabble.

"Providing safety improvements to crumbling bridges, eliminating the state's most congested and dangerous intersections and creating an estimated 200,000 good-paying jobs has never before been the subject of partisan brinkmanship.

"I am hopeful that in the interests of public safety and the creation of good jobs, that partisan positioning will give way to the common good.

"New Jerseyans have consistently shown their support for transportation, and I believe it is important to let the people vote on this critical issue. I don't believe their voices should be silenced as a result of partisan posturing."