



June 7, 2022

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Dear General Assembly Member:

Thank you for your tireless and dedicated leadership serving the citizens of North Carolina, specifically your constituents. As a statewide organization, ACEC/NC represents over 240 engineering firm members employing more than 11,500 professionals located in all 100 counties, including the counties you represent. We are writing to express our staunch support to dedicate all state sales-tax revenues from the sale of transportation-related goods and services to one of the funds under the NC Department of Transportation.

Whether the General Assembly decides to transfer sales tax funds from the sale of these transportation goods and services to the highway fund or transfer an equivalent amount of sales tax revenue to the highway fund, ACEC/NC supports this allocation. When North Carolinians purchase goods and services to maintain their vehicles, it is only fair the taxes on these items should go to retaining a robust transportation network.

A phased transfer could start at 2 percent in FY 2023, increase to 4 percent in 2024, and cap at 6 percent in 2025. We can invest MILLIONS more in Transportation infrastructure - **with no new taxes**.

Historically, North Carolina has been known as “The Good Roads State.” As North Carolina continues to attract new citizens and economic development, we must invest in and maintain our transportation network. Additional revenue beyond the motor fuels tax is needed to maintain this status, and we would be grateful for your support of additional transportation funding.

There has never been a better time to dedicate this money to transportation needs.

NOW is the time to sustain and increase the investment in transportation

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Meehan".

Paul Meehan, PE
President, ACEC/North Carolina