

**Testimony of Steven D. Harlacker, PE, SE  
Before the Transportation Committee  
On LCO. 373, An Act Concerning the Sustainability  
of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure**

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Good Afternoon Sen. Leone, Rep. Lemar and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Steven Harlacker and I am the Connecticut Office Manager and a Principal Associate of Hardesty & Hanover, with offices located in New Haven, CT. I am submitting this testimony on the draft legislation before you which is designed to create a dedicated funding stream for infrastructure improvement in Connecticut.

It is clear that the current funding sources for the state's Special Transportation Fund are inadequate to meet the state's needs for a safe and efficient transportation system. The condition of Connecticut's infrastructure continues to decline more rapidly than it can be repaired. Connecticut residents deserve an improved transportation system that provides:

1. A network of roads, highways and bridges that are well maintained, safe and less congested.
2. Improved public transportation networks (rail and bus systems) that allow everyone from every corner of the state to participate in the economy.
3. Design, construction and maintenance programs that promote a cleaner, safer and healthier environment in which to live.
4. Improved economic environment for businesses and the employees and families that depend on them.

Our transportation network is integral to the success of the state's economy. The benefits for business are extensive and include: Enhanced intra-state competitiveness, access to a state-wide reliable, and highly-skilled labor force, increased market share and an expanded customer base, business expansion, reduced production costs and agglomeration economies.

We appreciate you acting now to create a dedicated funding stream that is necessary to make much needed improvements to Connecticut's infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

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