



Testimony of **Gordon Daring**

Before the Transportation Committee

On LCO. 373, An Act Concerning the Sustainability of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure

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Memorandum

Good Afternoon Sen. Leone, Rep. Lemar and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. My name is **Gordon Daring**. I am the Managing Director of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. in Wethersfield, CT. I am submitting this testimony on the draft legislation before you which is designed to create a sustainable funding stream for infrastructure improvement in Connecticut.

Current funding sources for the state's Special Transportation Fund are inadequate to completely meet the state's needs for a safe, efficient, modern transportation system. Much of Connecticut's infrastructure is failing. Connecticut residents and businesses deserve better. **We need a system that provides:**

- A network of **roads, highways and bridges** that are well maintained, safe and less congested.
- Improved public transportation networks (**rail and bus systems**) that allow everyone from every corner of the state to participate in the economy.
- Design, construction, and maintenance programs that promote a **cleaner, safer and healthier environment** in which to live.
- **Encouragement for businesses to do business in the State** and benefits to the employees and families that depend on them. Our transportation network is integral to the success of the state's economy.

Without a sustainable, dedicated infrastructure funding source, it's impossible to plan for tomorrow's Connecticut. The time is now to create a dedicated infrastructure improvement funding stream for our State. Thank you for your consideration!