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Dear Mayor:

### **I. Transportation Trust Fund Reauthorization Amended; Final Vote on Friday**

Legislation to reauthorize the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) was amended on the Senate floor today. The amended legislation includes a \$0.23 increase in the gas tax and a combination of tax reductions. Of particular note to local governments is the doubling of the local aid portion of TTF, which was a key component in earlier plans.

The major components of the amended legislation are, as follows:

- 1) An 8-year program, generating \$16 billion in state revenues and matching funds from the Federal Government.
- 2) Local aid funding from TTF doubled from \$200 million to \$400 million, per year.
- 3) \$0.23 increase in the gas tax, which would likely take effect starting in early November;
- 4) An incremental reduction in the sales tax, with a 1/8th reduction to 6.875%, effective January 1, 2017 and a 1/4th reduction to 6.625% effective January 1, 2018;
- 5) Earned income tax credit increase from 30% to 35%, effective for tax year 2016; 6) Incremental Gross Income Tax threshold increases for pensions and retirement monies over 4 years, Reaching \$100,000 for joint filers; \$75,000 for single filers and \$50,000 for married but filing separately;
- 7) Veterans' exemption for income tax.
- 8) Phase out of estate tax between now and January 2018; increase the current threshold of \$675,000 to \$2 million as of January 2017 and then eliminated entirely as of January 1, 2018.

While there had been some discussion of the Senate acting on an emergency basis, it will instead meet again on Friday for final approval. Assuming that, the bill must go back to the Assembly for concurrence before headed to the Governor. The Assembly is also scheduled to act on Friday.

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## **III. Innovation in Government Award Nominations has been extended to October 7th**

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You can find more information on this program by visiting <http://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/249/Annual-Innovation-in-Governance-Awards>, or apply directly by [clicking here](#).

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## **IV. Don't Forget! CEU Tracking System Procedures for 101st Annual NJLM Conference**

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Sincerely,

Michael J. Darcy, CAE Executive  
Director