

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED. KENNEDY-WEICKER BILL EXPECTED ON SENATE FLOOR BY MID-MARCH. BOLAND BILL WILL BE ACTED ON IN HOUSE FOLLOWING SENATE ACTION. YOU CAN HELP BUST THE HWTF!

1. Write letters to members of Congress in support of S.679; H.R. 3354.
2. Influence your city council members, mayors, state legislators, your governor and others, to work for this bill.
3. Write letters to your local news media. Try to get editorial endorsement of your position.

CONCENTRATE YOUR EFFORTS ON THE HOUSE WHERE THE AMENDMENTS TO MAKE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND MONEY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LOST BY ONLY 32 VOTES LAST YEAR.

We wish to notify the press and members of Congress as soon as possible that key civic groups throughout the Northeast are banding together to fight for public transportation. We hope to include your organization in the list of those endorsing the Kennedy-Weicker--Boland Bill. If you wish to participate in this ten-state effort, please fill out the form below and return to NETC at once. We hope to get out a press release by mid-March --to reach the media before the bill comes up for action.

THE NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION COALITION IS BUILDING SUPPORT FOR BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. Contributions --even a dollar-- are needed to help pay for printing and mailing.

Tom Zetterstrom
Connecticut
Transportation Coalition

Mrs. Lettie Gay Carson
New York State
Transportation Council

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____ CONTACT _____

APPROXIMATE MEMBERSHIP _____

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914-789-3353

Northeast Transportation Coalition

Millerton, N.Y. 12546

Memorandum: To Concerned Citizens

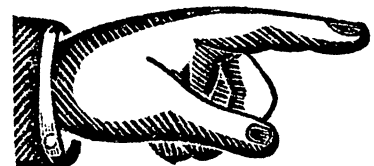
The chances of opening up the Highway Trust Fund for public transportation are better than ever before this year but coordinated support is needed to gain success. Inasmuch as Trust Fund flexibility is particularly needed in the Northeast Corridor, we are asking your organization and others to join this effort for passage of a highway act which allows Highway Trust Fund monies to be spent on public transportation.

The Northeast Transportation Coalition is a spontaneously-formed group of volunteers affiliated with the Highway Action Coalition in Washington, D.C.

Last year, only 6% of the total transportation budget was spent on public transportation. This year more than 22 billions will be spent at all levels of government on highways. Localities are given no choice; the result is increased highway mileage while the need for public transportation remains unmet.

S.679, introduced by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) and H.R. 3354, introduced by Representative Edward Boland (D-Mass.), are the strongest of several proposals aimed at busting the 6 billion-a-year Trust Fund. These bills would allow 46 percent of the HWTF to be used for public transportation or highways on an optional basis by cities and states: \$2.75 for public transportation; one-half of this amount is designated for metropolitan areas. The interstate highway system would be completed with the remaining \$3.25 billion. A second, more limited proposal, S. Amendment 4, introduced by Senators Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) and Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) would make Highway Trust Fund money available for public transportation in urban areas.

Help Bust the Highway Trust



*Will you try and get the Council to endorse this bill.
Bill Ackerman*

If passed notify Senators Kennedy Weicker, Representatives Boland and O'Neill



City of Cambridge

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Councillor Duchay

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 1973

WHEREAS:

It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that in the year 1972 only six percent of the total transportation budget was expended on public transportation and that the sum of twenty-two billion dollars will be spent at all levels of government for highways in the year 1973 with no provision for the local governments to use these huge appropriations for the development and improvement of mass transportation in the metropolitan area

WHEREAS:

Legislation introduced into the Senate by Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senator Weicker of Connecticut known as Senate Bill #679 and a companion bill in the House of Representative known as H.R. 3354 sponsored by Representative Edward Boland of Massachusetts would provide that forty-six percent of Highway Trust Fund be used by cities and towns on an optional basis for either public transportation or highway construction

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That this City Council go on record favoring the passage of Senate Bill #679 and House Bill #3354 in order to meet the need for improved public transportation in the metropolitan areas

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:

That copies of this order be transmitted to Senators Kennedy and Brooke and the entire Congressional delegation from Massachusetts recording the action of this City Council.

City Council

March 5, 1973

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 6 members

Paul E. Leahy
CITY CLERK

Order # 6.

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