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**SENATOR MICHAEL O. MOORE JOINS REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION CAUCUS**

Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced today that he has joined the Regional Transportation Authority Caucus, a legislative group co-founded by State Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst), Senate President Pro Tem, and State Representative Daniel Bosley (D-North Adams), Chair of the Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Committee last year.

“It’s no exaggeration to say that the lives and livelihoods of a lot of people, especially in rural areas, depend on safe, reliable public transportation,” Moore said. “Roughly two-thirds of all Massachusetts communities are served by RTAs, adding up to about 25 million rides a year. This is an important service that simply cannot be taken for granted.”

“I appreciate Senator Moore’s willingness to join this effort,” Rosenberg said. “There are 27 senators and 81 representatives with RTAs in their districts. Together, we can focus our energies and do some good work for our constituents.”

According to Bosley, “it is my hope that the caucus can continue to assist Regional Transportation Authorities. As the state’s transportation administration undergoes restructuring, it is imperative that RTAs remain a factor in consideration of the new plan.”

Some accomplishments of the caucus last year include: securing \$6.2 million in a supplemental budget, reinstating the ability of RTAs to borrow under the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, which has lowered the interest rate from 4% to about 2%, and establishing a forward funding mechanism instead of the current retroactive funding.

Moving forward, the caucus plans to focus its immediate attention on Senator Rosenberg’s bill, which, among other things, would create two new funds that RTAs could utilize to bolster funding. There are also efforts to examine and establish parity throughout all 15 RTAs as well as secure enough funding for the next fiscal year so that a supplemental budget is not necessary.

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