

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION AND THE STATES OF DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA



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Econsult Corporation was engaged by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (GPCC) to better understand the sources and magnitudes of public expenditures on transportation in the Greater Philadelphia Region and in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Econsult developed, collected and presented expenditure data for transportation infrastructure investment and maintenance, and operations. The expenditures were disaggregated by level of government, mode, use of funds and sources of state funds. These data provide insight into the relative weighting of investments in alternative kinds of transportation, the relative roles of different levels of government, and relative importance of dedicated versus general fund expenditures for transportation. In addition, the data allowed a comparison of expenditures in the region with corresponding statewide expenditures.

The goals of the analysis were to both provide an understanding of the components and magnitudes of investments and to create a framework that can be used as a basis for comparisons with other peer and competing regions. Because we provide data on the region, each state's portion of the region, and for the state as a whole, the analysis also indicates the share of each state's transportation funds flowing into the region.

The overview of regional and state transportation funding patterns will help GPCC evaluate the adequacy of the transportation funding streams for the long-term success of the region. Furthermore, the report will provide a basis for assessing how our region's choices have compared to other regions with respect to transportation investment.