



League of Women Voters®

Massachusetts

Dear League Member,

The votes described below are scheduled for Monday (April 8) and Thursday (April 11), so it is critical that you act TODAY. Please urge your Representatives and Senators to reject this plan and replace it with an adequate proposal that reduces the overall regressive nature of our tax code and addresses the Commonwealth's many pressing transportation needs.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts objects to the fact that the bill was introduced to the public on Wednesday and will be voted on Monday, leaving less than one week for public comment and for the legislators to properly scrutinize the short- and long-term effects of their plan. READ ON FOR DETAILS...

On Monday, April 1, House and Senate leaders began to unveil their plans for funding improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (H.3379). By Wednesday, April 3, H.3379 and H.3382 (An Act relative to transportation finance) had been through a series of committee votes and ordered to a third reading, the final step for House vote. The House is planning to vote on H.3379 and H.3382 on Monday and the Senate on Thursday.

Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey stated the House proposal "...will fail to adequately address our long-term needs for a safe, modern and efficient transportation system. The proposal will not reduce the number of structurally deficient bridges; it will not provide sustainable funding to fix the current highway and transit systems; it will result in significantly higher tolls, fees and fares; and it will not make overdue investments in areas of the state that have been too long ignored."

A report by MassBudget indicated the plan devised by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means is significantly smaller than the Governor's earlier transportation package, severely limiting capital spending for much needed infrastructure investment.

Governor Patrick has said that if the legislation arrives on his desk as is, he will veto it.

Please ask your Representatives and Senators to reject this plan and come up with a more adequate proposal that reduces the overall regressive nature of our tax code and addresses the Commonwealth's many pressing transportation needs.

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