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RE: SB 11 -Transit Bill to fund public transit

Dear elected officials:

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you as a member of the Alabama Legislature. Prior to serving as a state legislator, I served as a council member on the Birmingham City council. As a professional, I was once employed by a local transit agency, so I understand and know the importance of public transportation and its impact on the everyday lives of Alabama citizens. I also know the disadvantages of those who do not have access to public transportation.

People say, 'You can't miss what you don't have,' but the world has changed and, in an economy where access to work, school, medical facilities and just taking care everyday life issues, it is hard to imagine not using some form of transportation. Unfortunately, not everyone can afford a personal vehicle.

In rural areas, citizens are not able to work, due to a lack of public transportation, but this is a statewide issue. At a time when our state is actively recruiting businesses to relocate to Alabama, finding workers to fill those jobs is critical. Workforce development is linked to public transportation. Moving and connecting thousands of people to jobs, educational institutions, medical facilities, and places of entertainment.

In every state except Alabama, there is a dedicated funding source to support public transportation, and because these states have a dedicated funding source, they can draw down federal funds 4:1 match to maximize local funds. In 2018, Alabama passed the Alabama Transportation Trust Fund, but never funded it.

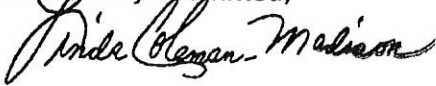
I have pre-filed SB11 for the 2025 legislative session to add \$5.00 to vehicle tags to provide a statewide public transit fund. Counties by resolution may opt out, but I hope all counties will support SB11 and take advantage of these funds to design and implement their own local public transportation system to suit their needs. Not every county or city needs a large transit system, but all, need a paratransit system for elderly and disabled citizens.

You decide but would it not be nice to have a state funding source you can leverage to get federal matching dollars to support your efforts. Every county and city are working on "Workforce development." They know if we can expand our economy, we will improve the quality of life for all citizens. This is a win, win for all.

Let us move our state forward by supporting SB11 for a dedicated statewide funding source for public transportation.

I am asking for your support for SB11 and invite you to contact me if there are questions or comments. You may contact me at 205-470-1710 or email me at lcolemanmadiason926@yahoo.com or linda.coleman-madison@alsenate.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Coleman-Madison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Coleman-Madison, Senator
District 20

SB11 INTRODUCED



BILL STATUS

1 SB11
2 XARHZZE-1
3 By Senator Coleman-Madison
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
5 First Read: 04-Feb-25
6 PFD: 24-Sep-24



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill provides for an additional license tax and registration fee on motor vehicles and for the distribution of the proceeds to the Alabama Public Transportation Trust Fund.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to license taxes and registration fees to amend Section 40-12-242, Code of Alabama 1975; to levy an additional license tax and registration fee; and to provide for the distribution of the proceeds to the Alabama Public Transportation Trust Fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 40-12-242, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§40-12-242

(a) The following annual license taxes and registration fees are hereby imposed and shall be charged on each private passenger automobile operated on the public highways of this state and on each motorcycle operated on the public highways:

- (1) For each private passenger automobile.....\$13.00



57 thereafter, the additional license tax and registration fee
58 specified in subsection (b) shall increase by three dollars
59 (\$3).

60 (d) The annual battery electric vehicle fee imposed in
61 subdivision (b)(1) shall be reduced by the amount of any
62 future additional annual federal surcharge or registration fee
63 placed on a battery electric vehicle, and the annual plug-in
64 hybrid electric vehicle fee imposed in subdivision (b)(1)
65 shall be reduced by the amount of any future annual federal
66 surcharge or registration fee placed on a plug-in hybrid
67 electric vehicle, if the federal surcharge or registration fee
68 is used solely for highway transportation purposes in the
69 State of Alabama, but in no case shall the battery electric
70 vehicle fee be reduced to less than \$150 and the plug-in
71 hybrid electric vehicle fee be reduced to less than \$75.

72 (e) The Electric Transportation Infrastructure Grant
73 Program is created within the State Department of
74 Transportation. The program shall be administered, conducted,
75 and managed, and its funds shall be disbursed by, the State
76 Department of Transportation, which shall have all the powers,
77 authorities, rights, privileges, and titles necessary to
78 enable it to accomplish the purpose of the Electric
79 Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program. The State
80 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to
81 adopt rules for the Electric Transportation Infrastructure
82 Grant Program including the solicitation, application,
83 evaluation, and selection of grant applicants, the
84 distribution of grants for electric vehicle charging



113 subdivision (b) (1) shall be reduced to one hundred fifty
114 dollars (\$150) and seventy-five dollars (\$75), respectively,
115 and after such reduction the receipts shall be deposited into
116 the Rebuild Alabama Fund and distributed sixty-six and
117 sixty-seven one hundredths percent (66.67%) to the state,
118 twenty-five percent (25%) to the counties, and eight and
119 thirty-three one hundredths percent (8.33%) to the
120 municipalities to be used in the construction, reconstruction,
121 maintenance, and repair of public roads, highways, and bridges
122 in the state, and for any other purpose for which moneys in
123 the Rebuild Alabama Fund may be lawfully used. All previously
124 collected but unspent funds dedicated to the Electric
125 Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program shall continue to
126 be used to fund the Electric Transportation Infrastructure
127 Grant Program.

128 (g) The annual license taxes and registration fees
129 pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act shall be effective January
130 1, 2020.

131 (h) (1) Effective October 1, 2025, in addition to the
132 annual license taxes and registration fees imposed in
133 subsections (a) and (b), there is hereby imposed and charged
134 an annual license tax and registration fee of five dollars
135 (\$5).

136 (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all
137 proceeds of the annual license tax and registration fee
138 imposed and charged in subdivision (1) shall be deposited into
139 the Alabama Public Transportation Trust Fund, established in
140 Section 41-23-193, and used by the Alabama Department of