



A. 1234-B/S. 2618-A (Rozic/Lanza)

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to a state transportation plan

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 1234-B/S. 2618-A (Rozic/Lanza) which would require the NYS Department of Transportation to submit capital plans to the legislature and assure a transparent process.

There is widespread agreement among elected officials and the public that New York needs to invest in its infrastructure if the state is going to remain competitive. A fully funded 5-year capital plan for the New York State Department of Transportation will be a significant step toward rebuilding and modernizing New York's state and local transportation infrastructure, creating jobs and sustaining economic development. For each \$1 billion invested in infrastructure, some 28,000 jobs are created or supported.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is statutorily required to submit a capital plan to the legislature and public every five years. There is no such requirement for the NYS DOT, something this bill seeks to address. Developing and releasing a plan makes the most sense from a public policy perspective, as elected officials can then weigh priorities and see the larger transportation picture of mass transit and roads.

NYLCV therefore supports A. 1234-B/S. 2618-A and urges its passage.

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