



## **A. 4880/S. 1673 (Rozić/Skoufis)**

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

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 4880/S. 1673 (Rozić/Skoufis) which would require the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) to submit five-year capital plans and twenty-year needs assessments to the legislature, and create a transparent process for these plans.

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 DOT, something this bill seeks to address. It is important for elected officials and the public to see the long-term statewide needs and plans for mass transit, roads, and other forms of transportation, and to have opportunities to weigh in. Transportation is the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions in New York State, and reducing these emissions requires informed decision-making today about capital projects that will not commence until the next decade.

A. 4880/S. 1673 would require DOT to submit five-year capital plans, and twenty-year needs assessments, to the legislature. The plans would require public input in each department region and would need to be publicly available. Furthermore, the plans would have to consider not just roads and bridges but also freight and passenger rail, pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, and public use airports. Considering zero-carbon and high efficiency modes of transportation in capital plans is an important part of meeting the state's climate change goals.

NYLCV therefore supports A. 4880/S. 1673 and urges its passage.

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