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## Transportation

A measure allowing counties to band together and seek voter approval for a sales tax increase to fund common transportation needs passed out of the Georgia State Senate on February 20. SR 845, by Senator Jeff Mullis, provides that 80 percent of the funds collected in a given area would remain in that area and 20 percent would be remitted to the state where at least half of that amount would be spent on mass transit needs. The measure will now go to the House, which is expected to soon vote on its own statewide sales tax measure for transportation, HR 1226.

On more than one occasion Governor Perdue has intimated he may not support a raise in sales tax to fund transportation needs, even though voters would ultimately make the decision by referendum under either the Senate or House version.