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This summer, Martin Whitmer, partner, Whitmer & Worrall LLC, served as a transportation expert speaker at the National I-73/74 Corridor Association's 2008 Spring Road Rally in Greensboro, North Carolina, and spoke on a panel at the Fourth Annual U.S. P3 Infrastructure Finance Forum held at the Hudson Theater in New York City. Mr. Whitmer addressed the audience and panel on the role of public-private partnerships in transportation projects.

### **Transportation News**

*Greensboro, N.C. - May 22-23, 2008* – While speaking in Greensboro, Mr. Whitmer was amongst the company of Rep. Alan Clemmons, Chairman of the National I-73/74 Corridor Association, Yvonne Johnson, Mayor of Greensboro, Congressman Howard Coble of N.C., and Dr. Chris Chmura, Chief Economist for Chmura Economics & Analytics.

National I-73/74 Corridor Association is a membership organization committed to enhancing the economic success and quality of life within the six-state corridor by pursuing the planning, permitting, funding, construction, and maintenance of Interstate 73 and Interstate 74, highways of national and regional significance that will facilitate interstate commerce, reduce congestion, and improve safety in an environmentally sound way. The rally served as an opportunity to learn more about the progress of I-73/74, and discuss the challenges facing it in the years ahead. For more information regarding the I-73/74 project, please visit <http://www.i73.com/>

Mr. Whitmer addressed the audience on the role of public-private partnerships in transportation projects. "I always appreciate the opportunity to speak before the transportation community on the benefits of public-private partnerships and participate in the ongoing discussion on the future of our nation's transportation infrastructure," said Whitmer.

### **P3 Infrastructure Finance Forum**

*New York, N.Y. - June 19-20, 2008* –Moderating the panel Mr. Whitmer attended at the Fourth Annual U.S. P3 Infrastructure Finance Forum in New York was James Ray, Acting Administrator for the Federal Highways Administration. Other panelists included Tyler Duvall, Acting Undersecretary for Transportation Policy, USDOT, Levon Boyagian, Vice President, Dutko Worldwide, Daniella Landau, Strategic Partner, Wexler & Walker, and John Flaherty, Principal, Carlyle Group.

While on the panel at the P3 Infrastructure Finance Forum in New York, Mr. Whitmer participated in a discussion on the issues policymakers will consider and institute and what

implications those actions will have on the public-private partnership market as the Federal Highway & Transit Re-Authorization process comes to a head. The tolls versus taxes debate was a feature of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, coming to a close on January 3, 2009. "This is a very important issue right now, and we need to be hearing ideas from many different angles. It was great to participate in this forum," said Whitmer.

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