

Out and About in the 101st



Many thanks to Dr. Antonis, superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District, and to the entire board of trustees for the great dialogue Monday night on a legislative update from Harrisburg.

We discussed the school funding that was approved in the budget, unfunded pension obligations, school property taxes, the employer contribution rate, charter schools briefly, as well as many other issues.

It was great to see so many people from the community involved as well.



celebrated National Night Out.

It was great to see all the support for our community. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for, especially our police and first responders.

PA Budget Matters to You! Keeping Our Families and Communities Safe

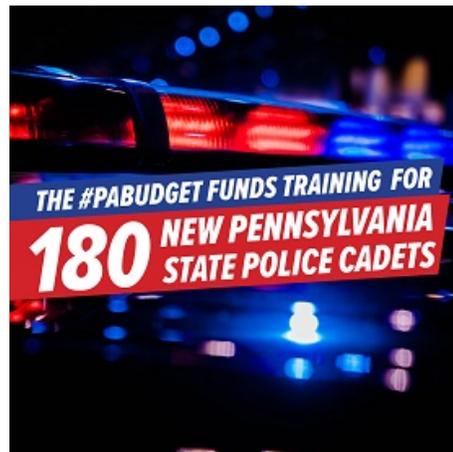
In late June, the General Assembly passed and the governor signed the 2021-22 state budget into law. In recent weeks, I've been sharing more details about the plan and how it meets today's needs while also planning for the future.

This budget will allow the Pennsylvania State Police to train TWO new cadet classes, which will add up to an additional 180 troopers to protect communities throughout the state.

To further promote safe communities, the budget allots \$30 million for violence intervention and prevention. The plan also sets aside \$372 million in federal relief funds to be used for ongoing pandemic response to return stability and wellness to Pennsylvanians.

Finally, \$5 million in federal funds is allocated to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund to support our first responders.

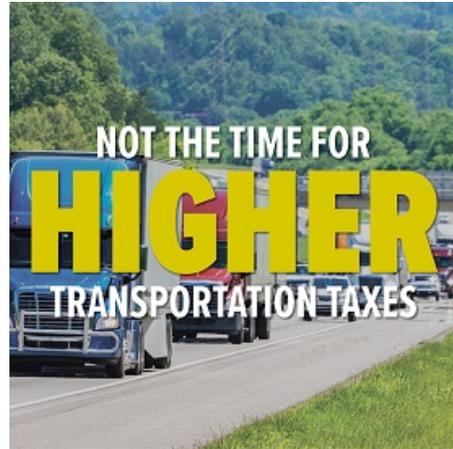
[Learn more about the budget here.](#)



Wolf Transportation Tax Plan III-Timed, Short-Sighted

With Pennsylvanians still struggling to overcome the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wolf administration has announced another plan to tax Pennsylvania drivers even more than we already are.

The Transportation Revenue Options Commission, created by the governor, late last week released its recommendations to increase funding for road and bridge projects across the state. Revenue for such projects, which comes from gas taxes, has been declining due to more fuel-efficient vehicles, and less driving as a result of the pandemic with more people working from home rather than commuting to work each day.



Among the many recommended revenue sources, the commission is proposing a mileage-based user fee of 8.1 cents per mile for each vehicle mile driven; tolling; eliminating transfers from the Motor License Fund to the State Police; and various new or increased fees, including a \$1 fee for package deliveries, a \$1.11 charge for every Uber and Lyft trip, and increased vehicle registration and vehicle rental fees.

While our transportation infrastructure is vital to the state's future, now is not the time to be burdening our citizens with more taxes and fees. With Congress and the president working on a national infrastructure plan, it also makes sense to wait until we know what will be available from the federal government to support our roads and bridges.

To read the full report from the commission, [click here](#).

Submit Input on Congressional Redistricting



With hearings now underway on the state's congressional redistricting process, we are seeking your feedback!

Pennsylvania residents can now submit the boundaries of their communities of interest and comment on the current congressional district map using online mapping tools available at PaRedistricting.com.

These innovative online tools put the redistricting process right into your hands and the hands of your fellow Pennsylvanians to ensure your voices are heard. To provide input into the redistricting process, go to PaRedistricting.com/input.

From that page, you can submit feedback to define your community of interest and comment on the current district map. You will find informative videos on how

to use the tools on the page as well.

Safeguard Your DD-214 Military Paperwork

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is urging transitioning service members and veterans to make safeguarding their DD-214 a top priority.



The DD-214 is a document of the United States Department of Defense, issued upon a military service member's retirement, separation or discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. It contains information needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veterans' organizations. Without this key document, there could be a big delay when veterans seek benefits earned through their service to our nation.

The DMVA encourages veterans and departing service members to visit the prothonotary's office in their county of residence to file this paperwork to ensure it is readily available to them or their family members when needed.

For veterans who have lost their DD-214, or family members who cannot locate it on a veteran's behalf, the DMVA is available to help in retrieving an official copy. The DMVA can also assist with locating the DD-215, which is used to correct errors or make additions to a DD-214, helping to assure that veterans have accurate discharge documentation. For assistance, call toll-free 1-800-547-2838 or e-mail RA-REQ@pa.gov. More information about locating military documents can be found by visiting the [Records Request Program](#).

PennDOT Seeks Input Through Annual Highway Safety Survey

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking your input on traffic safety and driving behaviors through its annual online Highway Safety Survey.

The survey is available through Monday, Aug. 23, and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses, including the “comments” fields, are anonymous.

Nearly 8,000 people responded to last year’s survey, answering questions about safety habits such as seat belt use, impaired driving, speeding and distracted driving. Notably, nearly 91% of respondents said they always wear a seat belt and approximately 88% said they never drive while impaired.

To complete the survey, and for more information about PennDOT’s highway safety efforts, [click here](#).



ATV and Snowmobile Grant Opportunity

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is now accepting electronic applications for grants aiding snowmobile- and all-terrain vehicle-related projects.

No match is required for this funding; however, applications providing matching funding will be given additional consideration. [Here is a link](#) to DCNR's application process, which is open until Sept. 30.

