

Click [here](#) if you are having trouble viewing this message.



June 3, 2020

Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to [morningnews@psats.org](mailto:morningnews@psats.org).

---

## Latest News

### [PSATS Town Hall Scheduled for Tomorrow at 3 p.m. on State Budget, Guidance for Yellow and Green Phases](#)

To help answer your questions about the recently enacted five-month state budget and the governor's guidance for the yellow and green reopening phases, PSATS is hosting a virtual Town Hall Meeting this Thursday, June 4, at 3 p.m. Staff will provide an update on the budget and important legislation before the General Assembly, as well as discuss the latest state guidance for both the yellow and green reopening phases.

At PSATS' sixth online Town Hall, participants will have the opportunity to submit questions before and during the meeting, which is limited to the first 500 registrants and is free.

You can access the town hall online or by telephone. To register, please [click here](#).

### [PA Turnpike Lays Off 500 Toll Collectors Due to COVID-19 Impacts](#)

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has announced that its all-electronic, cashless tolling system instituted March 16 to minimize the spread of COVID-19 will become permanent. This means 500 employees, primarily toll collectors and fare collection personnel, will be laid off.

The commission said there will be no return to cash toll collections on the PA Turnpike. Customers will move through lanes without stopping, and all tolls will be assessed via EZPass, or a PA Turnpike TOLL BY PLATE invoice will be sent in the mail.

With Governor Wolf's stay at home orders, traffic plummeted by almost 50 percent since March when compared to 2019, and toll revenues dropped by more than \$100 million for the fiscal year ended May 31. To mitigate this sharp decrease in revenue, the Turnpike Commission has reduced capital spending by 25 percent, reduced operating expenses, instituted a hiring freeze, offered a voluntary retirement program, and delayed its July transit funding payment of \$112.5 million to the commonwealth. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Wolf Amends Civil Unrest Emergency Declaration to Add Counties**

Gov. Tom Wolf amended his [disaster emergency declaration](#) to help municipalities respond to the escalation of protests to add Erie, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. Allegheny, Dauphin, and Philadelphia counties were in the original declaration. [Click here](#) for more information.

"People have every right to speak out and demonstrate, but it's unacceptable to take advantage of protests to incite violence, harm others, and destroy property," Gov. Wolf said. "I amended this declaration to add more counties affected by the violence that erupted after peaceful protests in Erie, Delaware, and Montgomery counties over the weekend."

### **[PennDOT Resumes Driver's Skills Tests](#)**

Yesterday, driver's skills tests resumed at reopened state Department of Transportation Driver's License Centers. Skills tests must be scheduled in advance, and safety protocols will be in place, including a requirement to wear a mask. For more information, [click here](#).

---

Learn

**Save Time And Money When Purchasing With COSTARS - Virtual - 6/4/20**

Virtual Conference Workshop - Learn how the COSTARS Program works and how to save valuable time and money on virtually everything you purchase! The workshop will cover a background of the program and will demonstrate how to search COSTARS contracts and negotiate with suppliers to get the best value. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**Webinar - Is Your Township Prepared For More De Facto Takings Claims - 6/4/20**

NOTE: This webinar will also now cover some of the recent COVID-19-related challenges alleging that shutdown orders are de facto takings. This webinar will discuss the potential for increased litigation over takings claims against townships as a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Knick v. Township of Scott*. In that case, a Pennsylvania township adopted an ordinance that a resident claimed was a de facto taking of her property without just compensation. Additionally, the Pennsylvania appellate courts have issued a spate of recent decisions concerning de facto condemnation claims. In this webinar, Kandice Hull of McNees Wallace & Nurick will review what these decisions may mean for Pennsylvania municipalities and ways in which municipalities can better protect themselves from potential takings claims. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. Eligible for 1 CLE credit. (additional cost). [Click here](#) to register.



**[Webinar - Creating A Traffic Impact Fee - In Plain Speak! - 6/10/20](#)**

Sure, that developer will pay for and build the new road in his subdivision. But the increased traffic will impact roads throughout your township. Who will pay to improve this “off-site” infrastructure? Developers will... but only if your community has an Act 209 Traffic Impact Fee! Learn the basics about this important state law, without the technical-speak! Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**[Webinar - Collective Bargaining In The Age Of COVID-19 - 6/17/20](#)**

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, municipal employers in Pennsylvania still maintain bargaining obligations with their unionized employees. For contracts expiring in 2020, the time to start negotiations is approaching. Some employers may have already been contacted by employees and unions seeking to simply roll over the existing contract for another year. Given all of the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, the temptation is high to put off contract discussions for a year. This webinar will explore some of the factors that you should consider before making this important decision for your municipality, as well as the longer-range implications of each side of the decision. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Safety Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



**[How To Build - And Rebuild - Public Trust In Government - Virtual - 6/17/20](#)**

Virtual Conference Workshop - During this session, the presenter will discuss the continuing decline of public trust in government and provide valuable strategies to help public officials build and rebuild that trust with their citizens. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



For full list of webinars and classes please visit <https://learn.psats.org>.



Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors  
4855 Woodland Drive  
Enola, PA 17025

Click [here](#) to unsubscribe or to change your Subscription Preferences.