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Latest News

PSATS Announces Transportation Town Hall

Join us next Thursday, April 8 at 2:30 pm for a discussion on township transportation challenges and share your input and ideas on cost saving opportunities, mandate relief requests, and future funding options for transportation. This input will be critical to local governments' voices being heard in Governor Wolf's Transportation Revenue Options Commission. This Commission is tasked with producing a proposal to the Governor's Office for consideration by August 1. PSATS Executive Director David Sanko serves as the local government representative on the Commission. [Click here](#) to register. And remember, you can still offer input by emailing roads@psats.org.

Pennsylvania Sticks with Targeted Vaccination Approach-Moves Closer to Phase 1B

At a press conference yesterday, Gov. Tom Wolf confirmed that Pennsylvania is on track to open COVID-19 vaccinations to all Pennsylvanians by May 1 but said the administration is discussing how to quickly move through the remaining phases over the next month. Applauding the federal goal of universal vaccination, at risk populations in Pennsylvania should be addressed before general population. Wolf noted that efforts to vaccinate teachers with the single-shot Janssen vaccine are nearing completion.

Secretary of Health Alison Beam stated this week that the administration intends to use Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine to target more groups in 1B, specifically frontline workers, including firefighters, police, and grocery workers. However, she noted that some of the supply anticipated for this mission is now being distributed directly to

boost its numbers.

While it now appears that more groups within Phase 1B will have an opportunity to receive a vaccine before the general public, it remains to be seen if Pennsylvania will ever move into Phase 1C, which includes local government employees and elected officials, or if this phase will be skipped in favor of opening vaccinations to all Pennsylvanians.

According to the CDC, Pennsylvania has improved to 22nd for total doses administered per capita. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

President Biden to Unveil \$2 Trillion, 10-year Infrastructure Plan in PA

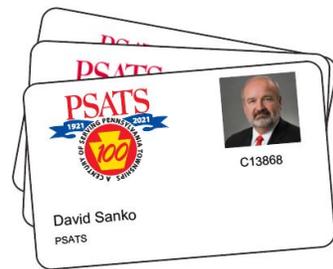
Today, in Pittsburgh, Biden is expected to unveil a \$2 trillion, 10-year package that has something for everyone. Pledging 100% affordable internet for all, elimination of all lead pipes in drinking water systems, fixing the nation's worst 10 economically impactful bridges (and 15,000 other worst small bridges, safety initiatives for cycling and pedestrians, electric road upgrades and jobs in electric vehicle industry, prevailing wages and American-made and transported requirements in all segments, this package will test the coalition building skills in our nation's capital.

The proposal calls for:

- \$621 billion towards transportation infrastructure and resilience (roads, ports, transit), including \$174 billion for the investment in vehicle electrification
- \$400 billion for elder and disabled care
- \$300 billion for manufacturing
- \$213 billion to develop and preserve "more than two million affordable and sustainable places to live"
- \$111 billion for clean drinking water infrastructure
- \$100 billion for broadband
- \$100 billion for improving electric grid systems

Reminder: 2021 Membership Card

PSATS will again be producing the 2021 membership cards for supervisors, secretaries and managers in townships that have renewed their annual dues. If you would like your membership card to also double as a photo ID card, this can happen in one of two ways:



1. Use the current picture we have on file.
2. You can upload your new picture.

Either way, we will send your card to you (with, or with, a picture!). To add a photo to your profile, follow these directions:

Click here to sign in to www.psats.org. Once signed in go to "My PSATS" then "My Profile" and select "Upload Profile Image." Click on "Select Image to Upload" and find the image you want to upload. Once you find the image, click on "Open." Make sure your image is how you want it to appear on the membership card. The image that is uploaded will be the image that appears on your card. Please note that if you post a township building photo, cartoon character, or pet, then THAT is what would appear on your ID card. We will only

send cards with a human likeness.

Photos need to be uploaded by **April 2nd**.

National Crayon Day

Each year, on March 31st children and adults alike, pick up their favorite colors for National Crayon Day. Opening up a box of crayons opens up a world of imagination and hours of fun.

Wax and chalk-based crayons have been used by artists around the world for centuries. Edwin Binney created the brightly colored crayons we are familiar with today. He was part owner of Binney & Smith, a company that produced products such as paint, pigments and slate pencils for schools. In 1903, Binney & Smith created the Crayola Division and produced colored wax crayons for children for the first time. Crayola's hometown of Easton PA is now one of 5 locations and remains a popular tourist destination.

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Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this 2-day, highly-interactive online meeting, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Webinar - Implementing a Logical Addressing Scheme for New Construction - 4/7/21](#)

In this webinar, you will learn when to begin thinking about how to assign addresses to new construction, keeping in mind your municipality's current developments (Hint – It's sooner than you think it should be!). [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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This webinar is designed for township officials who are not familiar with the intricacies of cable franchising. It is a primer for understanding municipal rights with respect to cable/internet companies. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Webinar - Scanning & Document Management for Your Township - 4/21/21](#)

This webinar will provide participants with an overview of the benefits of going digital – converting paper records to searchable digital images - with their records management. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Webinar - Principles of Paving - 4/28/21](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of Principles of Paving, paving techniques, PennDOT specifications, and lessons learned from local officials. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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