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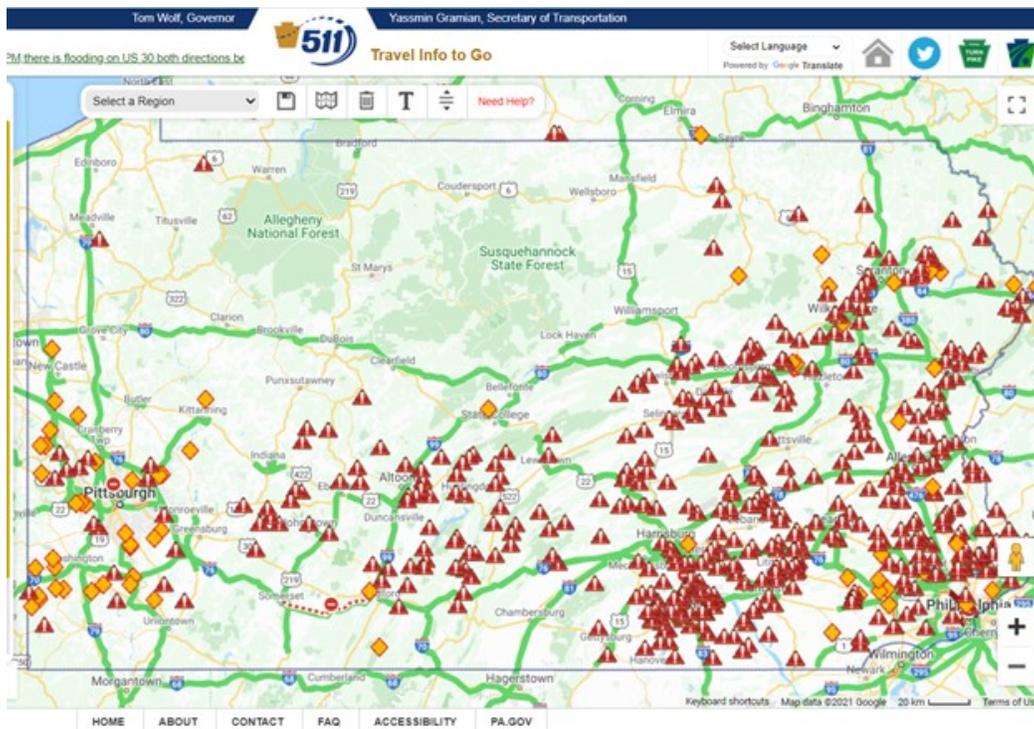
Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Where can we find the latest guidance on allowable uses for the American Rescue Plan funds?

Learn more about where to find the latest guidance on allowable uses for the American Rescue Plan funds and when Treasury is expected to issue its final rule on how to spend the money. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:23)

Latest News



Thank You to Township Officials, Employees, First Responders

Thank you to the thousands of township officials, employees, and first responders who spent their day monitoring conditions, closing roads, rescuing citizens, and keeping residents safe from the excessive rains from the remnants of Tropical Depression Ida. Stay safe today as the clean-up begins and as creeks, streams, and rivers flood. The [511PA](#) map shows how extensive state road closures are across the commonwealth this morning, even after the western counties have been free of rain for about 12 hours. Flooding is extensive in southcentral and southeastern Pennsylvania.

PSATS TownHall/Webinar on New Meeting Agenda Law

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, PSATS will host a free Townhall/webinar on Act 65, the new law governing meeting agenda. To comply with new Act 65, all local government boards and commissions, including boards of supervisors, are now required to post agendas at least 24 hours before each public meeting. Attend this webinar to learn more and ask questions to make sure your township is in compliance with Act 65 of 2021. [Click here](#) to register.

State Revenues Again Exceed Estimates

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) and state Department of Revenue have released August 2021 revenue reports. State General Fund collections totaled \$2.6 billion and were \$71.5 million higher than estimates due to corporate net income and sales and use tax revenues. Overall collections for fiscal year-to-date are 3.2% higher than expected (\$163.1 million over).

The Motor License Fund received \$258.5 million in August, .1 million above estimate. The fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Motor License collections for the fiscal year-to-date total \$493 million, 0.5% above estimate.

[Click here](#) for the IFO report. View the Department of Revenue press [release here](#).

Some Townships May Apply for Coastal Zone Grants

The state Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Water Resources Planning invites interested parties, including townships, to apply for a federal fiscal year 2022 coastal zone grant. Projects must be located within the Delaware estuary coastal zone or the Lake Erie coastal zone boundaries as noted in the Coastal Program Grant application instruction guide. (*Bucks, Delaware, and Erie Counties*)

Applications are due **October 18, 2021**. The Coastal Zone Grant Program guidelines and application instructions are available by [clicking here](#). Applications must be submitted online through the commonwealth's electronic single application [website](#).

66% of Pennsylvania Adults Are Fully Vaccinated

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania is 14th for total COVID doses administered per capita despite being 5th in population. Nationally, more than 174.6 million people have been fully vaccinated, or 63.6% of the adult population and 81.8% of those age 65 or older.

15.4 million vaccine doses have now been administered in Pennsylvania. According to the CDC, more than 7 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.9 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. The CDC's data shows that 66% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are now fully vaccinated. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, which takes place in just 6 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register!

Today in History...

On September 2, 1912, the Boy Scouts of America honor their first Eagle Scout with a medal ceremony. Arthur Eldred earned 21 merit badges in his journey to Eagle Scout, Boy Scout's highest honor.



Senate Announces Transparency Procedures: Posting of Expense Reports

Yesterday, Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman (R-Bellefonte) announced that Senate expense reports are now available to the public online. The reports, which can be found [here](#), detail all expenses for each individual Senator's office and institutional offices. Expense reports for July 2021 were posted yesterday and the system will be updated with new reports every month going forward.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Flagger Training

This instructor-led flagger training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[9/15/21 - Washington County](#)



2021 Engineers Fall Seminar

This full-day seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.

[9/28/21 - East](#)

[10/14/21 - Central](#)

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CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

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CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.

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