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## Latest News

### **Treasury Updates ARP Compliance and Reporting Guidance**

The U.S. Treasury Department released an updated Compliance and Reporting Guidance for the American Rescue Plan funds. Of note, the revised document expands on reporting requirements for broadband projects, including specific details on technology used, areas served, and types of locations served. To view the updated guidance, [click here](#). [Click here](#) for PSATS' updated ARP Fact Sheet.

### **PennDOT Surveying Local Government Officials on Automated Vehicles**

In the next 10 years, unmanned automated vehicles (AVs) will begin to operate on Pennsylvania roads. These could include fully automated long-haul trucks, privately owned AVs, or shared AV ("robotaxi") fleets.

As the lead regulatory agency for automated vehicles, the state Department of Transportation is creating the *Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Guidebook for Municipalities*, expected to be released this winter. To ensure the guidebook meets the needs of municipalities, PennDOT is requesting feedback to help determine what information should be included. Please take the three-minute survey at the link below by **Friday, June 24:**

[Preparing for Automated Vehicles: A Survey of Local Government Officials \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

### **Inflation Continues to Set Records**

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers on Friday and it showed a 1% increase in prices during May and 8.6% inflation over the 12 months ending May, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending December 1981. Not surprisingly, the energy index rose 34.6%

over the last year and the food index increased by 10.1% the previous 12 months, the first increase of 10% or more since March 1981. [Click here](#) for more.

### **DGS Secretary Departing Wolf Administration**

Gov. Tom Wolf announced that state Department of General Services Secretary Curt Topper will leave his position the end of June. The governor intends to name Joseph Lee to serve as Acting Secretary. Lee has served at the state Department of Labor and Industry since 2019, first as special assistant to the secretary and then as deputy secretary for administration. [Click here](#) for more.

### **Today in History....**

On June 13, 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights before interrogation. Now considered standard police procedure, "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can, and will, be used against you in court of law. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford one, one will be appointed to you," has been heard so many times in television and film dramas that it has become almost cliché.

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## Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 13. Watch the session live [here](#).

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## Learn

### **[Level Up: Become a COSTARS Superstar - 6/15/22](#)**

In this webinar, you will learn the best practices for using the COSTARS program, which is the statewide cooperative purchasing program administered through the Department of General Services.



**Municipal Newsletters on Low to No Budget - 6/21/22**

This webinar will show participants how to use low-cost/no-cost tools to create engaging municipal newsletters.



**A Handbook for the Effective Administration of State and Local Broadband Programs- 6/22/22**

This webinar will help guide local governments at all levels to develop comprehensive strategies to build high-speed broadband networks in areas where they do not yet exist and help residents subscribe to broadband where it does exist while maintaining public confidence by spending funds wisely and optimally.



**2022 MS4 Stormwater Ordinance Updates - 6/28/22**

If your township has a NPDES MS4 permit, you are required to update your stormwater ordinance for consistency with the DEP's 2022 Model Stormwater Management Ordinance.



**Creating Advantages in Today's Difficult Bidding Environment - 6/29/22**

Supply chain issues and staffing shortages have created challenging conditions when bidding and awarding municipal projects. This thought-provoking session will provide strategies to help your township realize time and cost-efficiencies during the bidding process, all while putting in place practices that reduce the need for headache medicines.



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