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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Question of the Week | Do we need to pay for surcharges on fuel increases?**

Make sure to watch the Question of the Week to get answers on surcharges for fuel increases. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Bridge Investment Program Funding Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is accepting applications for \$2.36 billion in FY 2022 through the competitive Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The program will provide \$12.5 billion over the next five years to projects that replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect bridges on the National Bridge Inventory.

Townships are eligible to apply for BIP funding directly to FHWA for the following grants:

- **Planning Grants** for projects in the early phases of development requiring assistance to become eligible for BIP funds. No minimum or maximum award amount. **Applications due July 25, 2022.**
- **Bridge Project Grants** for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects with total eligible costs of \$100 million or less. Minimum award amount of \$2.5 million. **Applications due September 8, 2022.**

[Click here](#) for more information, including a BIP Fact Sheet, Questions and Answers, and a recording of the BIP Overview webinar. Click here for the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

### **Department of Agriculture Shares Tips for Trapping Lanternflies**

If you find a black bug with bright green spots just jumped on you, you've probably met a lanternfly nymph. Look around on trees or the side of your house and you will probably find more. The state Department of Agriculture recommends trapping and squashing the bugs to reduce their population and to keep them from damaging vegetation. Circle traps are recommended. To learn more about how to stop this pesky bug that can now be found in 45 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, [click here](#).  
(Or try a Bug A Salt)

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

On July 7, 1912, Jim Thorpe wins the pentathlon at the fifth modern Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. At the time, Thorpe, a Native American who attended Pennsylvania's Carlisle Indian School, was only beginning to establish his reputation as the greatest all-around athlete in the world.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate are expected to be in session today, July 7 to attempt to finalize the commonwealth's 2022-2023 budget. Watch the session live [here](#).

**The House passed the following bills yesterday:**

[SB 442](#) would provide for an inventory of commonwealth-owned assets for the development of broadband services in unserved areas and establish a restricted account for providing for underserved areas. A restricted account would be established to be used to provide broadband. The restricted account would be funded from revenue generated from cell tower or broadband leases. The bill does not apply to the Pennsylvania State Police or the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. SB 442 now goes to the Senate for concurrence on House amendments.

[SB 275](#) would prohibit municipalities from restricting access to any energy source. PSATS worked to clarify that it does not affect municipal land use authority under the Municipalities Planning Code. It also preserves municipality's ability to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations. SB 275 now goes to the governor.

[SB 1093](#) would amend the Outdoor Advertising Control Act to allow energy efficient lighting to be installed on these facilities if no structural changes would be required. SB 1093 now goes to the Senate for concurrence on House amendments.

**The Senate passed the following bills yesterday:**

[SB 251](#) would regulate the application of fertilizer and professional fertilizer applicators to reduce excess levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. The bill includes a homeowner education program. PSATS worked over several sessions to make SB 251 effective while protecting townships from an expensive and possibly burdensome mandate. SB 251 now goes to the governor.

[SB 814](#) would create a new offense of evading arrest on foot and an offense of harming a police animal while evading arrest or detention. SB 814 now goes to the governor.

[SB 1094](#) would require the state Department of Transportation to obtain driver record information from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse before issuing, renewing, upgrading, or transferring a commercial driver's license. SB 1094 now goes to the governor.

[HB 430](#) would amend the Local Tax Collection Law to allow taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to receive a waiver of penalties and additional costs from the tax collector, after being shown proof of the property transfer. The bill now goes to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

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## Learn

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

### **Stormwater 101**

This half-day, in-person, introductory class will educate you on the basics of municipal stormwater management, including the effects of stormwater runoff, the impacts of new development and redevelopment within your municipality, and best practices that your municipality can implement to efficiently manage stormwater without breaking your budget.

[7/21/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[7/29/22 - Crawford County](#)

[8/4/22 - Montgomery County](#)

[8/12/22 - Clearfield County](#)

[8/19/22 - Lackawanna County](#)



### **Flagger Training**

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

[7/20/22 - Luzerne County](#)

[8/11/22 - Fayette County](#)

[10/25/22 - Schuylkill County](#)

[11/1/22 - Union County](#)

[11/2/22 - Clinton County](#)



### **CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel**

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

[9/16/22 - Fayette County](#)

[9/27/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



## **CMV/CDL Records Management**

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork

[9/16/22 - Fayette County](#)

[9/27/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



## **2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22**

This full-day virtual 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.



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