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## Latest News

### **Pa Interstate Bridge Tolling Plan Dead**

With the deadline passing to appeal the Commonwealth Court ruling stopping the Wolf Administration Bridge Tolling plan, PennDOT has quietly announced it accepts the legislative action of Act 84 and will not be appealing to the State Supreme Court. This effectively ends the bridge tolling scheme, but state Senator Wayne Langerholc, a former township supervisor and now Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, indicated that the legislature would be discussing funding options for transportation moving forward this fall as "everyone agrees we must have a sound infrastructure."

### **Reminder: Federal Flood Mitigation Funding Available**

Pennsylvania will receive \$5 million through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support mitigation against future damage from natural disaster. Properties covered by a National Flood Insurance Program policy that have sustained repetitive losses due to flooding are eligible for the new Swift Current initiative. The local government where the property is located is considered the sub-applicant and will work with interested property owners to develop and submit a sub-application on behalf of the property owner. Applications must be submitted by October 3, 2022.

The following types of projects are eligible even if an insurance claim has been filed:

- Property acquisition and structure demolition/relocation;
- Nonstructural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities;
- Structure elevation;

- Mitigation reconstruction;
- Dry floodproofing of historic residential structures or non-residential structures; and
- Structural retrofitting of existing buildings.

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

On August 5, 1981, President Ronald Reagan fired 11,359 air-traffic controllers striking in violation of his order for them to return to work as critical public safety officials. In addition, he declared a lifetime ban on the rehiring of the strikers by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). On August 17, the FAA began accepting applications for new air-traffic controllers, and on October 22 the Federal Labor Relations Authority decertified PATCO, the union of the striking air traffic controllers.

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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.



### **Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum**

This class provides an interactive opportunity to engage in tabletop exercises taught by knowledgeable professionals that reflect real-world experiences and situations.

[9/15/22 – West \(Westmoreland Co.\)](#)

[9/29/22 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[10/13/22 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

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