

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 13, 2026



Please note that these minutes are not intended to capture every comment but to identify critical discussion points and highlights of the STC business meetings.

CALL TO ORDER:

PennDOT Secretary Michael Carroll convened the quarterly business meeting of the State Transportation Commission (STC) at 10:01 a.m. on May 13, 2026, in York, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

1. Honorable Michael Carroll
2. Honorable Sharon Knoll
3. Honorable Karen Michael
4. Honorable Marty Flynn, Justin Gensimore, alternate
5. Honorable Judy Ward, Nolan Ritchie, alternate via conference
6. Honorable Paige Willan, via conference
7. Honorable Richard Fitzgerald
8. Honorable James Vasilko
9. Honorable Mike Pritchard
10. Honorable Dan DeBone, via conference

MINUTES:

ON A MOTION by Ms. Sharon Knoll, seconded by Ms. Karen Michael, and unanimously approved, the February 18, 2026, STC business meeting minutes were accepted.

SECRETARY'S REMARKS

Secretary Carroll delivered remarks on the state of transportation within the Commonwealth, highlighting the recent successes with the NFL Draft in Pittsburgh, and other large public events scheduled for 2026 across the state, such as the FIFA World Cup, the Little League World Series, NASCAR races, and the 250th Anniversary celebration of the United States. The Secretary also thanked District 8 and officials in York County for hosting the meeting.

The Secretary discussed transportation funding and transportation funding policy.

12-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM:

Deputy Secretary for Planning, Ms. Kristin Mulkerin, provided an update on the adjustments to the 2025 12-Year Program (TYP).

The 2025 12-Year Program adjustments cover the period from January through April of 2026. There were 975 adjustments, which included 219 additions, 682 project or phase changes, and 74 project or phase deletions, for a total of \$736 million.

Ms. Mulkerin highlighted the addition of ramp repairs on the Fort Duquesne Bridge in Allegheny County and an increase to the right-of-way phase for the I-83 South Bridge in Dauphin County.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Richard Fitzgerald and seconded by Mr. James Vasilko, the 2025 12-Year Program Adjustments were approved.

REPORTS

Executive Report

Executive Deputy Secretary Larry Shifflet briefly discussed the PennDOT Innovations Awards, including recognition of 12-Year Program Section manager Dan Keane, for the Public Comment Response App. In addition, he discussed the 2027 Federal appropriations and that the Commonwealth is engaged with the congressional delegation in developing lists of projects of community significance for an estimated cost of \$245 million.\

Administrative/Budget

Deputy Secretary Corey Pellington delivered a report for the Administration deputate. He provided two updates on facilities and the DBE program. The Department is in the process of relocating District 5's headquarters from downtown Allentown to the former Hamburg State Hospital. It will consolidate regional facility assets in line with the administrations Space Optimization & Utilization Project (SOUP) and 400 employees are expected to be employed at the site.

Mr. Pellington delivered an update for the DBE program. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is currently undergoing reevaluation per the interim final rule published by the U.S. DOT on October 3, 2025, and all 1,500 firms should have received direct communication from their original certifying organization. Each firm is required to submit a personal narrative, a personal net worth statement, and a copy of its tax return for the re-evaluation process. Additionally, PennDOT has brought on BBC Consulting, the vendor who completed the Department's 2024 Disparity Study, to update the availability analysis section of the Disparity Study to comply with the new requirements outlined in the DBE interim final rule.

Driver and Vehicle Services

Deputy Secretary Kara Templeton delivered a report for Driver and Vehicle Services. Ms. Templeton highlighted general drivers license center facility upgrades, with the latest facility update being the Somerset driver license center, which will be upgraded in the spring and summer of 2026.

The Road User Charge is being implemented in multiple phases, with Phase 3 beginning in July. This will enable customers to enter into a payment plan to pay the road user charge, which applies to electric vehicles. To date, the Department has raised over \$18 million in revenue as a result of the Road User Charge.

REAL-ID opt-in continues to increase, with 37.4% of Pennsylvanians acquiring a REAL-ID compliant driver's license or identification card. There continues to be elevated customer volumes for REAL-ID, and the Department is able to accommodate customers during the summer Travel season.

Susquehanna County is the latest county to join the \$5 for Local Use ordinance program. This was effective as of May 14, 2026.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month, and the Department offers a free Motorcycle safety course for residents of the Commonwealth. The course is a licensing course and completing it will allow the user to obtain a motorcycle license.

Highway and Bridge Program

Deputy Secretary Christine Norris delivered a report for the Highway and Bridge Program. 443 bridges will be worked on, which will result in improved conditions for those bridges once construction is completed. 6,000 miles of roadway were improved in 2025, with over 2,200 miles resurfaced. For highway safety, in calendar year 2025, fatalities dropped to 1,047. The Department continues to do its part to decrease fatalities through education and outreach. Additionally, the Department reported a decline in overall crashes in 2025. The Distracted Driving Law, known as Paul Miller's Law, begins enforcement on June 5, 2026.

The Department spent \$287 million on Winter services, which is 139% of its approved budget, which is based on a 5-year average. In winter 2025-2026, the Department used over 800,000 tons of salt.

The Department let 147 projects in the first quarter of 2026, and bids are 7% lower than estimated. The Federal price index leveled off in 2024 and 2025 but is now increasing by 6.25% in the first quarter of 2026. The Department plans on letting \$3 billion in projects, plus \$1 billion for the I-83 South Bridge, for a total of a \$4 billion program.

100% of construction projects were completed on time in the 4th quarter of 2025, and the average cost overrun for the last four quarters was 5.7%, slightly over the goal of 3%.

Multimodal Transportation

Deputy Secretary Meridith Biggica delivered a report for the Multimodal Deputate. PhilaPort opened a new cruise terminal in early April, and the Department was able to partner with the port and the city of Philadelphia to open a grade crossing to reduce congestion around the Packer Avenue Terminal.

Ms. Biggica stated that the second *Pennsylvanian* train should begin operating by the end of calendar year 2026. *Pennsylvanian* ridership continues to exceed pre-pandemic levels. Keystone ridership continues to grow and is at 90% of pre-pandemic levels. There are some congestion issues in the Philadelphia region, and the Department continues to work with SEPTA to mitigate the crowding. Several Amtrak projects are under construction: Coatesville, with a completion date in early 2027, and the Lancaster Station Pedestrian Bridge, which should be completed by the end of 2026.

Public transit is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Operating grants for Fixed Route service. The agencies received a 5% increase last year and will be able to maintain that for 2026-2027. Shared Ride services continue to be a challenge for transit. A Shared Ride advisory committee will have its first meeting on May 29, 2026.

The Bicycle Safety guide has been released and is available on PennDOT's website.

Secretary Carroll noted that he hoped that tickets would be available for the second *Pennsylvanian* train by the holiday travel season.

Office of Planning

Deputy Secretary Kristin Mulkerin delivered the Planning report, highlighting the 2027 12-Year Program update. MPO/RPOs are in their public comment periods, and once the STIP is complete, a 15-day public comment period will run from June 15 to June 30, 2026.

Ms. Mulkerin noted that the Statewide Transportation Alternative Set-Asides (TASA) announcements were released. 156 applications were received totaling \$189 million in requests, and the Department was able to fund \$74 million across 72 projects in 38 counties.

The P3 board will meet on June 9, 2026, where it will consider two projects involving the Allegheny County Airport Authority, in addition to the I-279 HOV modernization, the South Philadelphia Accelerated Ramp Connection, and the Pittsburgh Bundled Bridge Replacement project.

The Secretary highlighted three York County TASA projects totaling about \$3 million.

Transportation Advisory Committee

TAC Chairperson Jodi Holton delivered an update on TAC activities. The TAC meeting was held on April 8, 2026.

The TAC discussed and chose two new TAC studies:

The **Transportation Funding Assessment** will be a comprehensive evaluation of transportation investment needs across all major modes. The study will provide an objective context and utilize system condition data to demonstrate expected consequences. The study is set to conclude by December 2026.

The **Zipper Merge Study** will evaluate the effectiveness and applicability of zipper merge strategies in work zones in Pennsylvania. The study will assess how zipper merging influences safety, traffic flow, and driver behavior in the Commonwealth. A white paper is expected to be drafted by the end of August and be available for review and adoption at the October 21, 2026, TAC meeting.

WORKING SESSION:

District 8 Presentation

Assistant District Engineer Richard Reisinger gave a presentation on District 8 and projects within District 8.

District 8 is responsible for 8 counties in South-Central Pennsylvania, with 1,100 employees, and responsible for maintaining 3,400 bridges and 5,200 miles of roadway network. The highway and bridge network connects the region within the Commonwealth and the wider mid-Atlantic region. 40% of the US population can be reached within a day's drive of District 8. The District has experienced positive population growth and is expected to continue growing through 2040. Warehousing along interstates is increasing freight traffic throughout the district, which can accelerate wear and tear on bridges and pavement systems.

In 2025, the district completed 53 projects, with 32 bridges repaired or replaced and 147 lane miles paved.

Mr. Reisinger discussed asset management for pavement and bridges, and several major capital projects within the region, including some larger-value projects such as bridge replacements on US 11 in Cumberland County, the improvement of the US 222/ US 30 interchange in Lancaster County, and roundabouts on PA-997 in Franklin County.

Other projects in design include the Eisenhower Drive extension in Adams County, the Market Street Bridge connecting Harrisburg and Lemoyne, a safety project on US 22/322 in Reed Township, Dauphin County, a major rehabilitation of the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge over the Susquehanna River, the reconstruction of US 222 in Lancaster County, the reconstruction of US 15 in York and Cumberland Counties, and the construction of a new exit in Franklin County on I-81.

Interstate projects underway include the I-83 Capital Beltway master plan. I-83 East Shore Section 3 is under construction, and I-83 East Shore Section 2 (The Eisenhower Interchange) is in final design, with the first bid expected late in 2027. The I-83 South Bridge reconstruction was

discussed, expected to be let in the summer of 2026, with an estimated construction cost exceeding \$1 billion. In York County, the I-83 widening project's first section will be let in the summer of 2026, with the remaining sections let in 2028/2029 and 2030/2031.

Mr. Reisinger discussed maintenance innovations, stating that funding for maintenance remains a challenge amid relatively flat budgets, personnel, operational, and equipment cost increases, staffing shortages, and aging facilities. To address these challenges, maintenance funding is utilized on highway preservation contracts address concrete repairs, sinkhole remediation, and nighttime contracts. Maintenance funding is also used for Bridge Maintenance Contracts to address the District's bridge assets. Department force box-culvert projects use TIP funds to cover design costs, costs of materials, and use department labor to construct and install the box culvert. This will save costs compared to contracting out the entire project. TIP funded bridge preservation contracts will bundle bridges together under one contract to keep costs down.

Commissioner James Vasilko asked about what work on the design side is done in-house and what is done with outside consultants. Mr. Reisinger stated that district staff focus on basic asset management design, such as resurfacing and small intersection improvements. For large capital projects, the District relies on consultant design support due to the level of expertise needed and the staffing numbers in the District. In addition, right-of-way work is not outsourced to consultants.

Mr. Ritchie thanked Mr. Reisinger for his presentation and applauded the hard work that the District does to keep the region moving.

Secretary Carroll thanked District 8 for the presentation.

Truck Parking Update

Mark Tobin and Dan Farley delivered a presentation on Truck Parking. Mr. Tobin covered the planning portion of Truck Parking, and Mr. Farley covered the highway administration aspect of Truck Parking.

The 2023 Truck Parking expansion study established priority corridors throughout Pennsylvania and developed 19 recommendations in many areas, which include pursuing federal grants, encouraging municipal involvement, and land use options to purchase state property for consideration as truck parking locations.

Mr. Tobin discussed the 2045 Freight Movement plan, which highlighted truck parking throughout. The 2050 Freight Movement plan is due to be completed by the summer of 2026 and will also highlight truck parking.

A truck parking task force was formed due to one of the recommendations of the 2023 study. This task force is comprised of representatives from PennDOT Planning and Traffic Operations, as well as the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and other stakeholders, and they are engaging with many stakeholders across the state to discuss and advance opportunities. In addition, the Department is working with the planning partners on the coordination of truck parking in the areas of freight.

Mr. Farley discussed truck parking expansion based on the recommendation to repurpose select state-owned surplus properties. In October 2025, the Department announced that it would add more than 1,200 truck parking spots at 133 locations identified across the state. On-ramps, weigh stations were included, as well as low-cost locations adjacent to PennDOT maintenance sheds. PennDOT is looking to identify locations with right-of-way availability for true truck parking locations, and there are grant opportunities available.

The department has identified signage for on-ramps and other parking locations to designate truck parking areas and has begun to work with the Pennsylvania Motor Trucking Association and other partners to educate drivers on where they can park, and with law enforcement to ensure they understand where they need to enforce. A truck parking layer was added to the PA 511 site that identifies truck parking locations.

Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that driverless trucks run by a company from Pittsburgh that has operations in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma, may begin operating in the mid-Atlantic and asked how this technology would affect the need for truck parking in the future. Mr. Farley stated that he believed it would expand the need, and the Department is working with technology partners at CMU and other institutions to ensure that we are prepared for this technology when it is ready to be at the forefront of the trucking community.

Secretary Carroll stated that this was a work in progress.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that 800,000 people attended the three-day NFL Draft in Pittsburgh in April and praised the Department for managing the traffic expectations. Mr. Fitzgerald also mentioned the IJJA and the Pittsburgh Three Sister bridges lighting, which was an IJJA project.

Commissioner Mike Prichard thanked the STC for visiting York County and discussed the many modes of transportation available within the city of York and York County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next STC quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

ADJOURNMENT:

ON A MOTION by Mr. Fitzgerald, and seconded by Ms. Michael, the STC quarterly meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.