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APC ACTIONS ON OWNER (PENNDOT) RELATIONS

Advocate for Member Concerns:

- Met with PennDOT to discuss use of unit price bid items for items such as sidewalk, curb, loop detectors, etc. rather than “each” for ADA ramp construction.
- Requested PennDOT to provide a unit price bid item for binder course quantity adjustments for cross slope correction on lump sum design build projects
- Directed PennDOT’s attention to unclear or unrealistic construction schedule restrictions.
- related to ROW acquisition activities which were part of a project.
- Directed PennDOT’s attention to the unsatisfactory (poor?) arrangement of bid items for the concrete pavement alternate in an Interstate reconstruction project

Pursue Risk Allocation Committee Activities

- Met with PennDOT to finalize a revised Diesel Fuel Cost Fluctuation specification.
- (added milling, generally revised production based usage rates, complete revision for structure items) to assure fairest possible sharing of risk by both the Department and Contractors. Revised specification awaiting concurrence by FHWA.

Monitor Industry Developments

- Meeting with plastic pipe Industry reps. re: their concerns regarding PennDOT intentions to institute electronic inspection of new pipes.
- Meeting with PennDOT at their request for APC support of PennDOT’s plans to institute electronic inspection (by contractors) for all types of pipe (plastic, metal, concrete) used on “100 year” projects.

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APC ACTIONS ON FUNDING ADVOCACY

Messaging on Reauthorization of Federal Highway Legislation:

- Worked with PAPA, ACPA, PACA, and CAWP to urge member participation in December 2 “Call Congress Day”. PA logged more than 350 calls, the most of any state in the Transportation Construction Coalition.
- Requested PennDOT to finalize TRIP study of Pennsylvania’s highway funding needs to bolster reauthorization argument.
- Worked with ARTBA to send letter to Secretary LaHood supporting the Commonwealth’s application to toll I-80.
- Participated in ARTBA Public Private Partnership Conference.

Pursue Funding Issues at the State Level

- APC Vice President Dan Hawbaker provided testimony to House Republican Policy Committee on Public Private Infrastructure financing.
- Produced Op-ed piece in *Capital Watch* endorsing tolling I-80.
- Bob Latham made two appearances on *PA Newsmakers* political talk show.
- Continued to develop long-term public message on good highways.

Messaging with Gubernatorial Candidates

- TCI-PAC has held meetings with the following candidates and made the pitch for doubling PA’s transportation investment to \$4.5 billion per year. Tom Corbett, Jim Gerlach, Sam Rohrer, Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, and Joe Hoeffel.
- Bob Latham had similar conversations with Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty and businessman Tom Knox in New York during PA Society weekend.
- APC has re-energized the Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition which has been meeting with gubernatorial candidates.