



# CAWP WEEKLY

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## Rain Couldn't Dampen the Fun at the CAWP CLC Sporting Clays!



The 2021 CAWP CLC Sporting Clays took place on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Take a look at what you missed and see who took home the coveted CAWP CLC Sporting Clays trophy!

[CAWP CLC Sporting Clays Recap](#)

## Pitt IRISE Hosts Annual Meeting at CAWP



On Monday, May 24, 2021, the Pitt IRISE program held its Annual Meeting at the CAWP office. During this meeting, the consortium members issued the [Annual Report](#) and discussed the accomplishments of the past year. The group also looked ahead to exciting new initiatives the program plans to address in its fourth year, including the continuation of producing innovative solutions for transforming the declining transportation infrastructure into a more sustainable and resilient network of roadways capable of meeting future demands.

*“CAWP is pleased to be able to bring the perspective of the construction industry to the IRISE consortium. As a collaborative organization ourselves, we understand the benefits and power of working together to develop innovative solutions to critical problems,”* said Rich Barcaskey, CAWP Executive Director.

Pitt IRISE is a research consortium housed in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department in Swanson School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

IRISE research will produce solutions that will lead to more durable, longer lasting transportation infrastructure that will minimize these future disruptions such that:

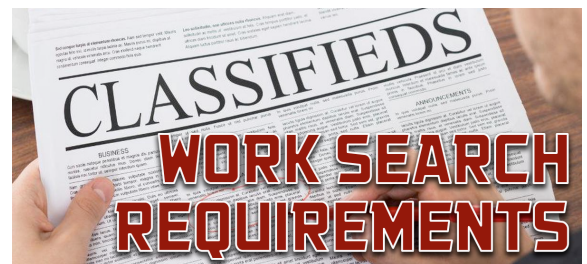
- The right of all citizens to safe, efficient and affordable transportation is preserved.
- Accessibility to services, such as healthcare, is maintained at all times.
- Quality of life needs are met when planning projects. Improving roadway infrastructure durability should have a minimal cost to environmental health and quality of life.

**Pitt IRISE Consortium members include:**

Allegheny County, Constructors Association of Western PA, Golden Triangle Construction, Michael Baker International, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The Federal Highway Administration participates as an ex officio member of the consortium.

PHOTOS

## Work Search Requirement for PA's Unemployed Goes Back into Effect in July - What To Know



Following the requirement being suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, Pennsylvanians collecting unemployment compensation will once again have to look for work starting in July, state acting Labor & Industry Secretary Jennifer Berrier said during a legislative committee meeting on Monday. The requirement, suspended under Governor Tom Wolf's emergency declaration, would be

"turned on" July 18, Berrier told the House Labor & Industry Committee, which means claimants would have to begin looking for work the previous week of July 11. Berrier said her department timed the re-implementation of the work search requirement so it would not conflict with the new online unemployment compensation system being installed next month. Labor & Industry staff is preparing for "the historic flow of workers who will be looking for services to help find employment," Berrier said. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate rose slightly from 7.3% in March to 7.4% in April as the nation's rate also increased a tenth of a percentage point to 6.1%. There are now 466,000 Pennsylvanians out of work. The Labor & Industry Department reported that the state's number of residents working or looking for work increased by 2,000 as unemployment ticked up. Republicans and business groups have said the work search requirement ban and extended employment benefits are keeping people from reentering the workforce and sending businesses into freefall as they struggle to fill jobs.

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## Senate Committee Approves AGC-Backed Highway Bill



### ***Other Senate Committees Must Act on Transit, Rail Programs***

On May 26, the Senate Environment and Works (EPW) Committee unanimously passed the AGC-backed [Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021](#). The bill would provide historic level of investment—\$311 billion over five years—for roads, bridges and highways. The legislation also includes important streamlining provisions that will cut down on administrative duplication in the environmental permitting and review process, maintains state flexibility in policy decisions on addressing highway congestion, and more. The Senate Banking and Commerce committees must now put forth proposals on transit and rail policy and funding, as those fall under their jurisdiction, in order for a full surface transportation package to be considered by the Senate. An AGC summary of the bill can be found [here](#). A state-by-state formula funding table can be found [here](#). The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to consider its version of a highway and transit reauthorization bill on June 9.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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PROUD CHAPTER OF



[FULL CALENDAR](#)

**May 18**

CAWP Labor Bulletin 11-21  
Coffee Breaks [\(Member Account Needed\)](#)

**May 4**

CAWP Labor Bulletin 10-21  
Holiday - Memorial Day [\(Member Account Needed\)](#)



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