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Since March, the CAWP Executive Committee has been meeting regularly with representatives of the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Carpenters to coordinate efforts to secure short-term funding for roads and bridges. Our coalition's goal is to convince the Pennsylvania General Assembly to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan to permanently move the \$706 million portion of the State Police budget that is currently funded from the Motor Vehicle License Fund. This would in turn provide PennDOT with the ability to increase its lettings.

We have been holding regular meetings over the past several months with key legislative leaders who will play a critical role in the current budget negotiations going on now in Harrisburg. This is a critical time since these negotiations should wrap up in the coming weeks.

Our coalition will continue our efforts on this front, and we are cautiously optimistic that there will be transportation funding included in the upcoming budget. Any funds that are secured will not immediately address Pennsylvania's transportation funding crisis, but the hope is that additional funding will help in increasing future lettings, so that a more long-term solution can be achieved in the coming years.

CAWP + AGC

In 1939, CAWP was granted a full charter with the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), the largest and oldest national construction trade association in the United States. Established in 1918, AGC is the most respected voice of the construction industry in the U.S. Congress and has continued to enhance its reputation for being the respected voice of the construction industry in Washington, D.C.

Your membership in CAWP includes membership in AGC. Please watch this section in the CAWP Weekly to stay up-to-date on the news, events, and member benefits from AGC and other AGC chapters.



AGC Presses for Action on Construction Materials Prices

Meets with President's National Economic Council

On May 28, President Biden's National Economic Council sought input from AGC Chief Economist Ken Simonson on construction supply chain issues, materials price increases and their impacts. Simonson informed the lead economists for Vice President Harris and the U.S. Department of Commerce, among others, that the construction industry is experiencing the greatest price increases and supply chain disruption in his twenty year AGC career. When asked what policies the Biden Administration should consider, AGC's chief economist noted the elimination of tariffs on construction materials, allowance for change orders on federal construction contracts in response to unanticipated changes in materials costs, quantities, and delivery times, and abandonment of any government policy initiatives that would restrict the types or sources of construction materials, equipment or labor.

AGC of Oklahoma Campaign has People Talking - Fast

AGC of Oklahoma released a new campaign detailing how quickly funds allocated to infrastructure can enter and boost the economy. In a fun, entertaining way, AGC of Oklahoma is illustrating to the public how the process following projects being awarded to companies spurs the economy due to the hiring of people, material orders, and equipment purchase repair.

[More on Campaign](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS[FULL CALENDAR](#)**RECENT BULLETINS****June 2**

CAWP Labor Bulletin 12-21
Reminder - Operating
Engineers Local #66 Referral
Program _ ([Member Account
Needed](#)).

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CAWP Labor Bulletin 11-21
Coffee Breaks ([Member
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