



# CAWP WEEKLY

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## Registration is Open for the CAWP Annual Golf Outing!




Join us for the CAWP Golf Outing on August 23, 2021. This year, the event will return to our traditional format of a shotgun start with a reception following the round of golf.

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## CAWP Update on Federal and State Infrastructure Funding



**CAWP UPDATE  
on Federal & State  
Infrastructure Funding**

Over the past several days, there have been multiple news stories from Washington, D.C., and Harrisburg, related to highway/infrastructure funding. With that in mind, the Association wanted to

provide the Membership with a summary of all these issues.

On the federal level, it is important to distinguish between the five-year federal-aid highway reauthorization bill and President Biden's broader Infrastructure Plan. Both issues will impact our industry, but keep in mind that they are two separate pieces of legislation.

Feel free to contact the Association office should you have any questions.

## **FEDERAL**

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal**

- **Summary:** June 25th, President Biden and 21 senators announced bipartisan deal on infrastructure
- **Total Funding** = \$1.2 trillion
- **Funding for Roads & Bridges** = \$109 billion
- **Status:** Disagreement as to whether a “human infrastructure” bill needs to also be part of the deal
- **Outlook:** Senate staffers working on details between now and when Senate returns from recess on July 12

### **Federal-aid Highway Reauthorization**

## **HOUSE**

- **Summary:** July 1st, passed INVEST in America Act, which includes five-year, \$547 billion federal-aid highway and transit reauthorization bill. (The other bills included in this legislation provide for a ten-year, \$109 billion drinking water infrastructure bill and a five-year, \$50 billion wastewater infrastructure bill.)
- **Total Funding** = \$700 billion
- **Funding for Roads & Bridges** = \$334 billion (an increase of \$108 billion over 2015 FAST Act)
- **Provisions of Concern:**
  - Restrictions on new highways or new highway lanes
  - Expands Buy America
  - Fails to include federal environmental review streamlining provisions
  - Expands non-highway project provisions
- **Status:** Unclear how legislation will intersect with larger bipartisan infrastructure deal, and previously passed federal-aid highway reauthorization in Senate
- **Outlook:** Encouraging step towards enacting record levels of federal funding for roads and bridges

## **SENATE**

- **Summary:** May 26, Senate EPW Committee passed five-year Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021
- **Total Funding** = \$311 billion (all going to roads and bridges)
- **Provisions:** Includes federal environmental review streamlining provisions
- **Status:** Unclear how legislation will intersect with larger bipartisan infrastructure deal, and recently passed federal-aid highway reauthorization in House
- **Outlook:** First step towards enacting record levels of federal funding for roads and bridges

## STATE

### **Pennsylvania FY 2021-22 Budget**

**Summary:** PA General Assembly approved, and Governor Wolf has signed a general fund budget for FY 2021-22, which includes an additional funds for road and bridge construction in Pennsylvania.

**Total Funding for Roads & Bridges** = \$279 million

**Outlook:** The CAWP Executive Committee and members of the CAWP Board have been meeting regularly since March with representatives of the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Carpenters to coordinate efforts to secure short-term funding for roads and bridges. While the amount secured was lower than our ask, without our efforts, it is reasonable to conclude the industry would not have received any additional funds. The additional \$279 million 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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 23**

[CAWP Annual Golf Outing](#)

[FULL CALENDAR](#)

#### **RECENT BULLETINS**

**June 10**

CAWP Labor Bulletin 13-21  
Holiday - Independence Day  
([Member Account Needed](#)).

**June 2**

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

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