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ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rich Barcaskey

Safety has always been a priority in our industry. CAWP works hard to make sure our members and their employees return home to their families in good health after every shift.

What we've learned, however, is that

focusing on physical safety alone is not enough.

In 2023, CAWP will be reinforcing how important it is for mental wellness to become a bigger part of the safety conversation.

Construction has the second-highest rate of suicides among all occupations. Workers in our industry take their lives at a rate about four times that of the general population. We must fix that. And the only way to fix it is to address mental well-being directly and openly, just as we address other risks.

We hope most of our members already understand the importance of mental wellness, encourage their employees to seek help if necessary, and to recognize the signs that an employee may be struggling. But those messages cannot be repeated enough.

The Association is proud to have kicked off the CAWP Cares program in 2022. Over 900 employees received a bag filled with items for their personal and self-care. The package included information emphasizing the need to consider our mental well-being, with suggestions for how to overcome hurdles and put ourselves on a positive path (such as getting plenty of sleep, eating well, and exercising).

We hope everyone found the advice to be

helpful and will use the tips and suggestions in their daily life and work routine.

Our workforce is tough, and sometimes that toughness can be a detriment. We must understand it is a sign of strength, not weakness, to ask for help. Our goal is to make members feel comfortable seeking support when they need it.

When mental health struggles are not addressed, they impact everyone. Our families and friends may suffer. Our performance on the job may not be up to par, and that can impact the workload and the safety of coworkers.

We know it can be difficult to ask for assistance, so we will be going all out in 2023 to drive that message home. CAWP received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to create a program that will:

- Create awareness among construction workers about the importance of mental health awareness and the resources that are available to help.
- Train construction supervisors on how to recognize mental health distress in an employee and how to talk to the employee about it.
- Connect construction workers who need mental health services to the appropriate resources.

CAWP will be partnering with the Master Builders' Association on the program, as this is an industry-wide challenge. We will also be collaborating with the professionals at Youturn Health, a mental health and wellness agency, to ensure timely assistance is provided when requested.

Youturn Health will provide peer-to-peer counseling to those who have sought assistance and walk them step-by-step through the process. We are committed to making sure that no one falls through the cracks.

Addressing mental wellness requires a collective effort. Only by working together can we make sure that those who need help receive it. CAWP looks forward to committing more resources and working with our membership to address the challenge.



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2022 BY THE NUMBERS

363 People Trained in Safety, Education, and EEO Topics

725 New Future Road Builder Users

1,211 Event Attendees

LABOR

LABOR AGREEMENT TRAINING CREATED FOR MEMBERSHIP

The CAWP Labor Agreement Training course was created to provide a basic overview of the Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania's collective bargaining agreements with the Carpenters, Cement Masons, Laborers, Operating Engineers, and Teamsters. It provides a summary of the Standard Agreement, Addendum #1, and Addendum #2. The course reviews key sections of the CAWP Labor Agreements including shifts, overtime pay, safety provision, and dispute resolution. The training is key for contractors, estimators, project managers, superintendents, safety professionals, and payroll administrators. This valuable training tool will be updated as needed when new agreements are reached.

CAWP CONTINUES TO WORK TO MAKE CONTRACTORS COMPETITIVE

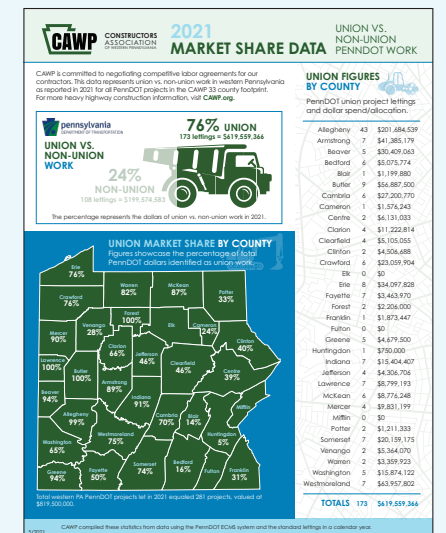
The Association continued to play an active role in assuring that our contractor members remain competitive.

In 2022, CAWP was successful in working with the unions to process 58 Competitive Adjustments for PennDOT, Turnpike, and other owner projects in western Pennsylvania.



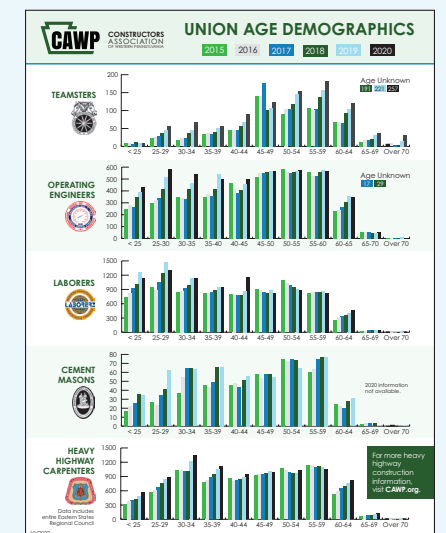
CAWP ISSUES REPORTS: 2021 UNION VS. NON-UNION MARKET SHARE

CAWP is committed to negotiating competitive labor agreements for our contractors. The data in this report represents union vs. non-union work in western Pennsylvania as reported in 2021 for all PennDOT projects in the CAWP 33-county footprint. *Click on the report below to view.*



UNION AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

The data in this report illustrates union age demographics by craft and year. *Click on the report below to view.*



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



CAWP HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL STUDENT ESTIMATING COMPETITION

The 2022 CAWP Student Estimating Competition was held on February 11-12, 2022. The two-day event was packed with tough competition and an exciting finish to announce the winners. Check out the event recap to learn more!



CAWP MEMBERS WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEADERS AT GETTYSBURG

CAWP hosted 15 attendees in May for a unique and engaging leadership program. In the Footsteps of Leaders: Gettysburg Leadership Program uses lessons learned on the battlefield at Gettysburg and helps apply those lessons to today's workforce.

For two days, the attendees walked in the footsteps of leaders, learned about the



decisions those individuals made and discussed the ramifications of those choices. Participants were then asked how they would be able to implement those lessons within their own organizations.

BUILDING THE FUTURE WORKFORCE

As part of CAWP's workforce development initiatives, the Association, in conjunction with Mascaro Construction, is a financial supporter of a construction storefront at Junior Achievement BizTown in Bridgeville.

JA BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. This popular program teaches elementary school students to apply for a job, write checks, maintain a cash register, operate banks, manage a business, and vote for mayor. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

Throughout the spring, volunteers staffed the Construction Store Front to assist the student participants. Students had to price and sell tape measures, manage the store finances, as well as build a bench.

In May, CAWP volunteered for two days at JA BizTown with over 160 fifth grade students from South Fayette.



DETOUR





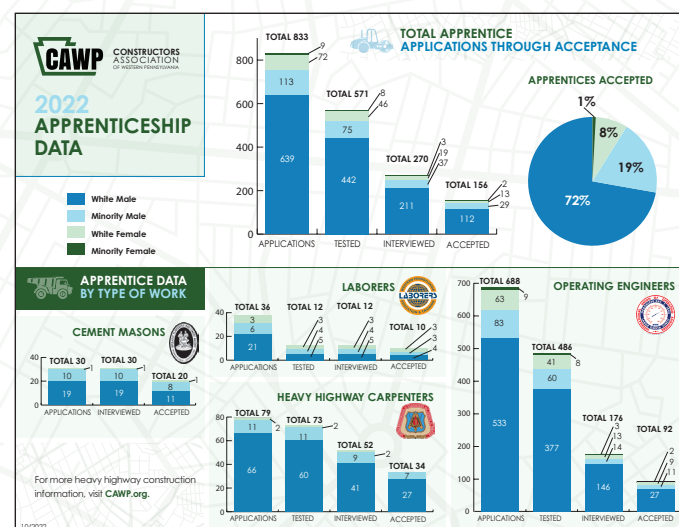
CAWP PROVIDES FUTURE ENGINEERS WITH INDUSTRY EXPOSURE

In 2022, the Association along with CAWP Contractor members hosted students from Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown on project visits and tours of apprenticeship programs at the Carpenters and Operating Engineers. These outings helped to introduce these students to careers in construction and highlighted the benefits of working in the industry.

Special thanks to these contractor members who helped the Association facilitate these events:

- Jason Malatak, Mosites Construction Company
- Nathan Miller, Northeast Paving and CAWP CLC Chair
- Josh Fetkco, Plum Contracting, Inc. and CAWP CLC Vice Chair

These field trips and tours are part of CAWP's efforts to develop the industry's future workforce. If your company would like to host a tour of your offices or a project, contact Erin Giardina at ering@cawp.org.



CAWP CONTRACTORS MEET WITH PENNDOT OJT LEADERSHIP

On Thursday, June 30, 2022, CAWP facilitated a CAWP Contractor & PennDOT On-the-Job Training (OJT) Roundtable. This roundtable provided the industry with an opportunity to meet PennDOT's OJT leadership and discuss best practices in the recruiting, training, and retention of minority and female trainees in the highway construction industry. Additionally, attendees were offered an inside look at the industry training programs by touring the Laborers' and Operating Engineers' Training centers.

The day started at the Western PA Laborers' Training Center in Saxonburg, with the following individuals in attendance:

- Contractors – Alan Gemmell of Fay S&B USA Construction, Lynn Tiernan of Gulisek Construction, Ali Mills of Plum Contracting, Allie Chornick of Mascaro Contracting, Bill Kerl of Swank Construction, and Mark Weir of Trumbull Corporation
- PennDOT OJT & EEO – Perrise Saluhdin, Fonda Jackson, Alva Lichius
- CAWP – Rich Barcaskey, Erin Giardina, Jason Koss
- Laborers Apprenticeship Program – Marc Ferrari, Mike Laquatra, Joe Scolieri

The roundtable agenda included information about the following:

- Laborers' Recruiting Campaign – Joe Scolieri (To learn more, click [here](#) or [view video](#).)
- CAWP Industry Recruiting Efforts – Jason Koss, CAWP Director of Industry Relations
 - [Future Road Builders](#), Tallo, Apprenticeship EEO Statistics
- Laborers Apprenticeship Update – Mike Laquatra, Laborers Apprentice Coordinator
- PennDOT OJT & OJT Supportive Services
 - [PennDOT OJT Program](#) – Perrise Saluhdin, OJT Program Administrator
 - [PennDOT OJT Supportive Services](#) – Fonda Jackson, OJT Consultant/ProRank

After a roundtable discussion, Laborers' Training Center Administrator Marc Ferrari conducted a tour. Next, the group traveled to the Western PA Operating Engineers Training Center in New Alexandria, where they were joined by Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Program Coordinator Denny Manown, as well as Ron Sapp, Chaquita Barnett and Kristina Linkes from the Builders Guild. Ron Sapp and Chaquita Barnett shared information about [Introduction to the Construction Trades](#). Denny Manown presented an [Operating Engineers Apprenticeship](#) update and conducted a site tour by bus, at which time apprentices were observed utilizing heavy equipment.

This Contractor & OJT Roundtable provided an opportunity to discuss the OJT program and experience the apprenticeship training centers. CAWP values the importance of providing opportunities to have direct discussions with PennDOT OJT leaders, the apprenticeship training programs, and contractors about how all parties can work together to increase OJT utilization in the heavy/highway construction workforce. To get involved in future programming, contact the Association office at 412-343-8000 or e-mail jasonk@cawp.org.



2022 APPRENTICESHIP DATA

Check out the latest apprenticeship stats which include the number of applications through acceptance plus apprenticeship data by the type of work. Click on the image to the right to view the report.

STUDENTS TOUR FERN HOLLOW BRIDGE SITE

On Friday, September 16, 2022, 12 students from the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and West Virginia University visited the Fern Hollow Bridge project site.

Chad Basinger, Vice President of Project Management for Swank Construction Company led the site tour. Basinger reviewed the project plans for the new structure replacing the Fern Hollow Bridge that collapsed on January 28, 2022, and answered questions regarding the project's design, material procurement process, and progress.

After reviewing the project plans, students were invited down to the construction site to view the project in person.

Matt Lambros from SAI Consulting Engineers, PennDOT's lead inspector on the project, also provided students with additional insight, fielded questions, and reviewed the current and next stages of the project.

James Clark, a senior civil engineering major at the University of Pittsburgh, and president of its AGC Student Chapter says, "We can learn a lot in classes, but it is a completely different experience to see it being built in the field. When you see the project, and the people building it, the struggles they go through, there is always something good to take into consideration when you are back at an office working the engineering side of it."

CAWP's Constructors Leadership Council chair Nathan Miller from Northeast Paving also attended the tour to encourage students to become active in their AGC student chapters.



TALLO INTERNSHIP & APPRENTICESHIP WEEK SPOTLIGHT SESSION

As part of the Tallo Internship & Apprenticeship Week (IAW), CAWP created a community challenge. Three winning submissions received a \$25 Amazon gift card and a CAWP baseball hat. The CAWP Community Challenge was to visit www.futureroadbuilders.com/skill-arcade and download one of the Future Road Builders Skill apps. Participants then shared their experience and explained how using gaming technology is (or is not) an effective way to learn about careers. Special thanks to Allie Chornick, Mascaro Contracting, L.P. for participating in this initiative.



CAWP CONTRACTORS MEET WITH USDOL OFCCP LEADERSHIP FOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, CAWP Contractors met with the USDOL OFCCP for a roundtable discussion on industry best practices and regulatory updates. The purpose of the roundtable was to provide the industry an opportunity to meet USDOL OFCCP leadership and discuss recruiting and retention of minorities and females in the highway construction industry.

The roundtable started with introductions and networking. Attendees included:

Contractors:

- Eva Metzger of Fay S&B USA Construction
- Allie Chornick of Mascaro Contracting
- Bill Kerl of Swank Construction Company
- Mark Weir of Trumbull Corporation

USDOL OFCCP representatives:

- Sam Maiden, Regional Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region – the region covers the following states: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Tracie Brown, District Director of the Pittsburgh office
- Reggie Bridges, Assistant Director of the Pittsburgh office

CAWP: Rich Barcaskey and Jason Koss

The roundtable discussions consisted of:

- CAWP Industry recruiting efforts on Future Road Builders, apprenticeship intake process and EEO stats, and CAWP/Contractor involvement in region's pre-apprenticeship programs.
- USDOL OFCCP updates on EEO language in new infrastructure bill specifically on megaprojects, conducting annual pay equity reviews to ensure work assignments are not discriminatory, new electronic scheduling letter, and OFCCP's focus on making good faith efforts to diversify the pool of applicants.
- OFCCP shared the important resources, guides, and education is listed on the OFCCP website.

The Contractor & USDOL OFCCP Roundtable is an important forum because it provides CAWP contractors opportunities to have direct discussions with USDOL leaders about industry efforts to increase minority and female utilization in the heavy/highway construction workforce. To get involved in future programming, contact the Association office at 412-343-8000 or e-mail jasonk@cawp.org.



CAWP CLC 13TH ANNUAL BRANDON CHANEY SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

The CAWP CLC Brandon Chaney Scholarship Program was developed in 2008 by the CAWP Constructors Leadership Council. This scholarship was named in memory of Brandon Chaney, an aspiring third-generation heavy/highway construction professional who died at the age of 16 in an automobile accident before he could realize this goal.

To honor his memory, this scholarship was created to support others who aspire to work in the heavy/highway industry and is awarded to the top-ranking first-year apprentice in each of the four heavy and highway apprenticeship programs in western Pennsylvania. Year after year, the recipients of this scholarship have set the standard for the future workforce of the heavy and highway construction industry in our region.

The recipients from both 2020 and 2021 were recognized on Friday, March 25, 2022, during the CAWP/H2AP Membership & Safety Celebration.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

LEAH ROBINSON of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters #274

ALEX CHAFIN of the Cement Masons Local #526

CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL of the Laborers District Council of Western PA

DARIUS DAWKINS of the Operating Engineers Local #66

2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

STEPHEN HADDOX of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters #274

HANNAH HAMER of the Cement Masons Local #526

ANTHONY MORALES of the Laborers District Council of Western PA

TYLER ARDUINO of the Operating Engineers Local #66



CAWP CLC SPORTING CLAYS

The 2022 CAWP CLC Sporting Clays took place on Friday, May 27, 2022, at Highlands Sporting Clays. Take a look at what you missed and see who took home the coveted CAWP CLC Sporting Clays trophy!



AXES AND DANCING GNOMES? JUST A NORMAL CLC NIGHT OUT!

On Thursday, July 21, 2022, members of the CAWP Constructors Leadership Council (CLC) channeled their inner lumberjacks for an evening of axe throwing and friendly competition. After warming up and perfecting their form, attendees enjoyed a lively round of axe throwing followed by food, drinks and networking at the Dancing Gnome Brewery.





CAWP CLC TOY DRIVE MAKES CHRISTMAS MERRY!

The CAWP Constructors Leadership Council (CLC) Toy Drive was once again a huge success. Over 700 toys were generously donated by CAWP members!

The abundance of donations was greatly appreciated by the local Salvation Army staff. "Thank you so much for the incredible generosity of the CAWP, providing over 700 toys that will be distributed throughout Western PA. It is so much more than toys; it's about hope, love, and the Christmas joy you are spreading! Every child deserves to experience the magic of Christmas regardless of their family's circumstances and we appreciate you making this happen each year!" said Melissa Rosensteel of the Salvation Army.

The toys will be distributed by Rosensteel and others associated with the Salvation Army throughout next week to area children in need, primarily in the Mount Pleasant and New Stanton areas.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys or made financial contributions to the Toy Drive!

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Gulisek Construction, LLC
Howard Concrete Pumping Co., Inc.
Mascaro Contracting L.P.
Matcon Diamond, Inc.
National Tank & Equipment
Northeast Paving, a division of Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC
Plum Contracting, Inc.
Quality Bridge & Fab
Tunstall Engineering Group

Thanks to these CAWP elves for helping to load up and deliver the donations:

Donegal Construction Corporation
Josh Hatcher

Fay S&B USA Construction
Seth Mayley

Gulisek Construction, LLC
Dominick D'Angelo, Brandon Farrell, & CLC Committee member Mark Ondecko

National Tank & Equipment
Brent Blacharczyk & Jeff Swaney

Northeast Paving, a division of Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC
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Plum Contracting, Inc.
CLC Committee Vice-Chair Josh Fetcko, CLC Committee Past-Chair Mark Mills

A special thank you to Stephanie Sedar, Kathleen Devey & Eric Jackson of All-State Career for providing and driving the bus to transport all the donations to the Salvation Army.

Check out the donations and the special delivery we made on December 9!



SAFETY



Building PA PODCAST



CAWP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEATURED ON BUILDING PA PODCAST

The Building PA Podcast welcomed CAWP Executive Director Rich Barcaskey to discuss heavy/highway repair, construction, and the importance of being a responsible driver in work zones.

The Building PA Podcast was designed to share valuable information in 20-30 minute segments.

[LISTEN TO EPISODE >>](#)

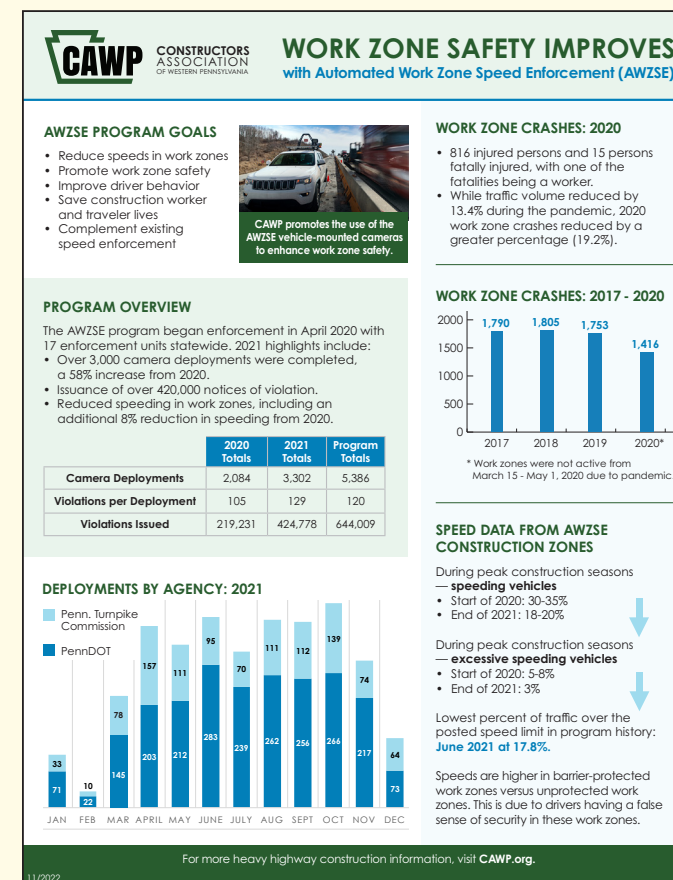
The goal of the podcast is to provide industry-related information in segments that can be heard while driving to and from job sites across the Commonwealth. New episodes are launched weekly. For more information and to find past and future episodes, click [here](#).

SPEED LIMIT 25



AUTOMATED WORK ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT (AWZSE) IMPROVING SAFETY

Learn more about AWZSE including program goals, expansion, and how work zone safety has been impacted since the program's inception. Click on the report to the left to learn more.



CAWP CARES INITIATIVE A SUCCESS!

The Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania (CAWP) successfully launched CAWP Cares in the summer of 2022, a program designed for its members to express gratitude to field workers with care packages tailored to physical and mental health on the job.

Over 900 CAWP Cares packages were ordered and distributed by 20 CAWP Contractor members to field workers and jobsites throughout western Pennsylvania. Included in the drawstring bag were practical items customized for workers' physical and mental well-being, including a cooling towel, safety glasses, stress reduction and outdoor safety tips, a clip for work gloves, sunscreen, bug repellent, and a tick-removal kit.

Executive Director, Rich Barcaskey commented, "The Association respects the hard work and dedication of the women and men on jobsites in Pennsylvania. CAWP Cares was our initiative to highlight how mental and physical well-being is important, especially in the field.

A nominal fee was charged to members for the CAWP Cares packages with all profits benefiting the Brandon Chaney CLC Scholarship Fund. Developed in 2008 by the CAWP Constructors Leadership Council (CLC), this scholarship was named in memory of Brandon Chaney, an aspiring third-generation heavy/highway construction professional. This scholarship is awarded yearly to the top-ranking first-year apprentice in each of the four heavy/highway apprenticeship programs in western Pennsylvania.

With the success of the CAWP Cares packages, further initiatives will continue to be implemented as a broader effort to highlight the importance of physical and mental health and well-being.



CAWP CONTRACTORS MEET WITH PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, CAWP and its contractors' members met with Lorraine Martin, President/CEO of the National Safety Council (NSC), and Jane Terry, Government Affairs, NSC.

America's leading nonprofit safety advocate for over 100 years, NSC works toward its mission to save lives, in the workplace to any place. NSC guides the nation's employers on strategies to eliminate the leading causes of preventable death and injury. Martin has elevated the Council's voice nationally on its focus areas of workplace safety, roadway safety, and impairment. She also serves as chair of the Road to Zero Coalition, the nation's largest traffic safety coalition working to eliminate traffic deaths by 2050.

CAWP, NSC, and members of the CAWP Safety Committee discussed ways to improve the safety of the highway construction workforce in western PA. Many of the priorities of the NSC are also the leading issues for our industry, shared by CAWP member contractors. Some of the key issues discussed included driver/fleet safety, impairment/mental health, and automated camera enforcement of work zones.

CAWP is pleased to provide opportunities for members to share their stories and information with leading safety organizations such as the National Safety Council.

Meeting attendees included:

- Angela Ravenscroft, Brayman Construction Corporation
- Chris Reefer, Fay S&B USA Construction
- Morgan Koprivnak, Lindy Paving, Inc.
- Rick Bowers, Mascaro Contracting
- Lorraine Martin and Jane Terry, National Safety Council
- Rich Barcaskey and Jason Koss, CAWP
- Bob McCall, Master Builders' Association of Western PA (MBA)
- Eric Bugaile, Archer Public Affairs



TRAINING



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRENCHING & EXCAVATION

CAWP developed a Trenching & Excavation Competent Person training program to help contractors train competent persons and other employees. Although the responsibility for designating a competent person is the responsibility of the contractor, this program is designed to simplify the task by providing participants with the information and training needed to become a competent person.

The CAWP Trenching & Excavation Competent Person training program is an online program that is available free at www.cawp.org. The entire course takes 90-120 minutes and is organized into seven modules with a final assessment. Individuals who complete all modules and obtain a passing score will receive a certificate.

- Modules 1-7 (each module takes 15 minutes) –
- Course Introduction & Excavation Hazards
 - OSHA Subpart P & Responsibilities
 - Soil Classification and Analysis
 - Protective Systems
 - Excavation Inspections and OSHA Compliance
 - Excavating around Underground Utilities
 - Course Review
 - Final Assessment

To access this course, login to CAWP.org and click on CAWP Learning Center in the upper right corner. All courses in the Learning Center you are eligible to take will be available to you.



Pictured here are CAWP's Director of Industry Relations, Jason Koss, AGC's Safety and Health Director, Kevin Cannon, and OSHA's Pittsburgh Area Director, Chris Robinson.

CAWP FOSTERS LONG-STANDING ALLIANCE WITH OSHA

CAWP's Alliance with OSHA was formed seventeen years ago in 2005 and has provided for a strong, collaborative relationship between the two organizations. Under the alliance, OSHA and CAWP work together to develop industry programs, share information regarding best practices, and promote outreach and awareness activities. The overall goal of the alliance is to enhance the safe and healthful working conditions for workers in Western Pennsylvania's heavy and highway construction industry.

EVENTS



OH, WHAT A NIGHT AT THE CAWP/H2AP MEMBERSHIP & SAFETY CELEBRATION

The CAWP/H2AP Membership & Safety Celebration took place on Friday, March 25 at Heinz Field. With over 500 attendees, this was the largest association event in over two years. **Thank you to our sponsors!**

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Twenty-six organizations and 628 supervisors were recognized for their commitment to safety — see who they were and view the entire event recap below!

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CAWP GOLF OUTING A HOLE-IN-ONE

The 2022 CAWP Golf Outing was held on Monday, October 24 under clear blue skies and gorgeous sunshine. Check out our recap to see what you missed!



2022 CONSTRUCTION MARKET SYMPOSIUM

The Construction Market Symposium was held virtually in 2022. CAWP received submissions from representatives of 13 awarding agencies, who submitted presentations on the projects they had for bid in 2022. Allegheny County Airport Authority, Allegheny County Department of Public Works, ALCOSAN, PennDOT Districts 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Pennsylvania Turnpike, Port Authority, Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers all submitted pre-recorded presentations that were made available via video link or PDF for all CAWP members.



CAWP PLAYS ACTIVE ROLE IN PITT IRISE CONSORTIUM

CAWP, along with Golden Triangle Construction, and other PITT IRISE partner members such as PennDOT, PA Turnpike, and others have deployed research and the group's collective thoughts into solving some of the industry's biggest challenges. For a full report on the PITT IRISE 2022 activities, review the [links](#) on this year's Brainstorming Session, Strategic Plan, and Annual Meeting.



ADVOCACY

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO END ROAD FUNDS SHIFT

ACPA/PA Chapter, ACEC/PA, APC, CAEP, CAWP, PACA, PAPA, and PennGCC once again called on Governor Wolf to permanently move the entire Motor License Fund portion of the State Police budget back to the General Fund. (FY 2023 - \$641.39 million) and to use Motor Vehicle License Fund revenues to fund PennDOT's pay-as-you-go capital program and/or as debt service retirement.

The current state budget diverts more than 11 cents per gallon of the state's gas tax away from road improvements. Since the 2013 passage of Act 89, some \$5 billion in user fees have been diverted to the General Fund to supplement the State Police budget.

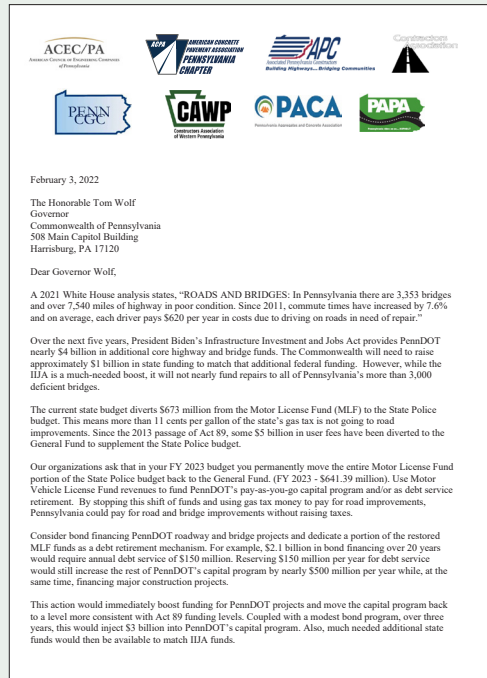
An advocacy campaign was launched to continue pushing the governor and the General Assembly to end the budgetary maneuver and fund roads and bridges with user fees.

As part of an effort by the AGC of America, CAWP sent letters to the western Pennsylvania Congressional delegation to oppose legislation (H.R. 6787/S. 3609) introduced in Congress to suspend the federal gasoline tax. This type of action does not promise a reduction in cost at the gas pump, but rather could undermine the infrastructure improvements that Pennsylvania is poised to realize under the recently enacted bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

CAWP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO STATE ADVISORY POST

In early 2022, CAWP Executive Director Richard J. Barcaskey was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Transportation Advisory Committee.

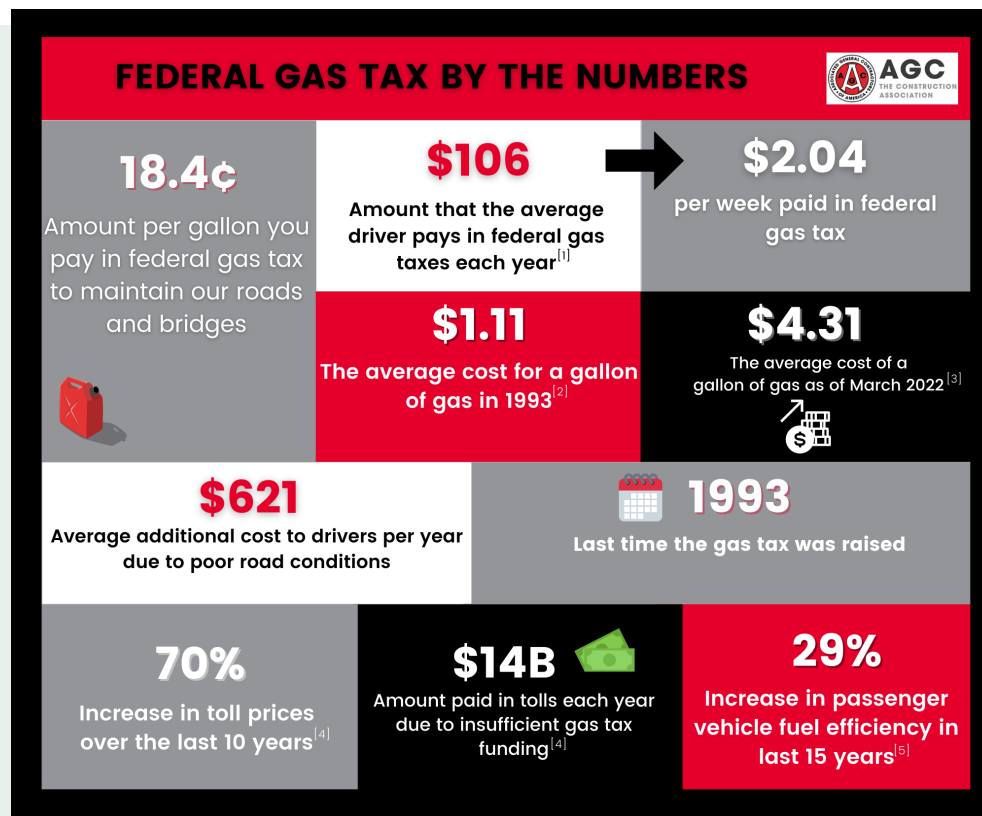
The Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was created in 1970 to advise the State Transportation Commission (STC) and the PennDOT Secretary of Transportation. TAC consults and advises the STC and the Secretary of Transportation on all transportation modes while serving as a connection between PennDOT and the general public. Additionally, TAC spreads awareness about the transportation planning, programming, and goals of PennDOT and the STC and conducts in-depth studies on key issues to inform the planning process.





SAY NO TO SUSPENDING THE FEDERAL OR STATE GAS TAX

A suspension of the federal or Pennsylvania Gas Tax will not decrease the price of gas, BUT it would make it harder to fund our roads and bridges. CAWP and AGC created this brief on what a gas tax holiday would mean for you and for the heavy/highway construction industry.



PA STATE SENATOR JOE PITTMAN VISITS PLUM CONTRACTING

On August 30, 2022, CAWP Vice President Ali Mills, CAWP, and employees of Plum Contracting met with State Senator Joe Pittman to discuss highway and bridge funding, work zone safety, and other issues impacting the highway construction industry. Company representatives also discussed their recently acquired \$26 million PennDOT project which will realign a portion of Route 422 near the intersection of Margaret Road and Cherry Run Road in Armstrong County, a project for which Senator Pittman was instrumental in obtaining funding.

Senator Pittman works in the Pennsylvania Senate to promote legislation on issues ranging from economic development to job creation. In 2019, Senator Pittman sponsored legislation to reduce the transfer of funding from the Motor License Fund to the Pennsylvania State Police.



ALI MILLS OF PLUM CONTRACTING TESTIFIES TO U.S. SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Ali Mills, President of Plum Contracting and Vice President of the CAWP Executive Committee, testified on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) to the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mills provided testimony for the Senate Committee's hearing on "Putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Work: The Private Sector Perspective."

Mills was one of several witnesses from transportation and construction groups in the private sector that discussed issues the construction industry faces a year after the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Along with praising the funding and calling for continued emphasis on formula funding, Mills also discussed the impact of inflation and supply chain challenges, citing doubled, tripled, or fluctuating costs from suppliers leading to project scheduling delays.

Mills also remarked on the confusion caused by the IIJA Buy America requirements, asking for the US DOT to create a clearer classification of categories moving forward.

The panel of witnesses were in agreement when it came to the impact the IIJA will have on infrastructure with clarification and refinement. Citing Pennsylvania and her company, Mills said, "There are some challenges to it, there is a little bit of uncertainty to it, but we look forward to benefiting from it."

Watch highlights from Ali Mills' testimony.



[READ ALI MILLS' FULL TESTIMONY >>](#)



COMMUNICATIONS



INTRODUCING THE NEW CAWP MEMBER PORTAL

CAWP introduced a new member portal accessible via the CAWP website, November 7, 2022.

Accessible via the CAWP website, this new portal will be a one stop shop where members can register for training and events, pay for event invoices, and update your directory data. Attendance history, payments, and training details will be easily accessible. For contractor members, all labor information previously housed on the website will now be housed within the new member portal.

As we continue to grow the member portal, you will have access to additional, on-demand training options for you and your organization as well as membership renewal information.

We look forward to continuing to provide relevant and quality content to the membership. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emily Marotte, emilym@cawp.org.



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