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**U**nder Secretary Todd Rumbaugh, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) marked 2025 with significant milestones across divisions, focusing on financial efficiency and infrastructure modernization.

**Highways:** The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) invested nearly \$800 million, resurfacing 1,600 miles and patching nearly 500,000 potholes. The final segment of Corridor H is on track for 2026 advertisement, backed by a new 10-year infrastructure program.

**Multimodal/Economic Growth:** The Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities (DMTF) achieved an 8.5:1 return on federal funding. Highlights included the Rail Explorers attracting over 27,500 riders and a 31% increase in Aviation revenue. Efforts were initiated to decommission the Mason County airport, making way for a potential \$100 billion economic development project.

**Parkways:** Using only toll revenue, the West Virginia Parkways Authority (WVPA) opened the new Beckley and Bluestone Travel Plazas and implemented a modern toll system supporting mobile payments.

**Workforce:** WVDOT prioritized personnel development by hiring a record 138 Co-Op students and resolving internal pay plan issues to improve retention.

With Secretary Rumbaugh and Deputy Secretary DeMers, the WVDOT has entered a new era of infrastructure management in West Virginia. Their commitment to efficiency, accountability, and strategic investment—accelerating maintenance and securing federal funds—is significantly improving residents' lives. These leaders are driving a forward-thinking approach that is setting a high standard for state agencies, ensuring the state's infrastructure is future-ready.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication over this past year," said Transportation Secretary Todd Rumbaugh. "We have made a lot of great changes in 2025, and are looking to improve even more. We are looking forward to an even greater year in 2026."



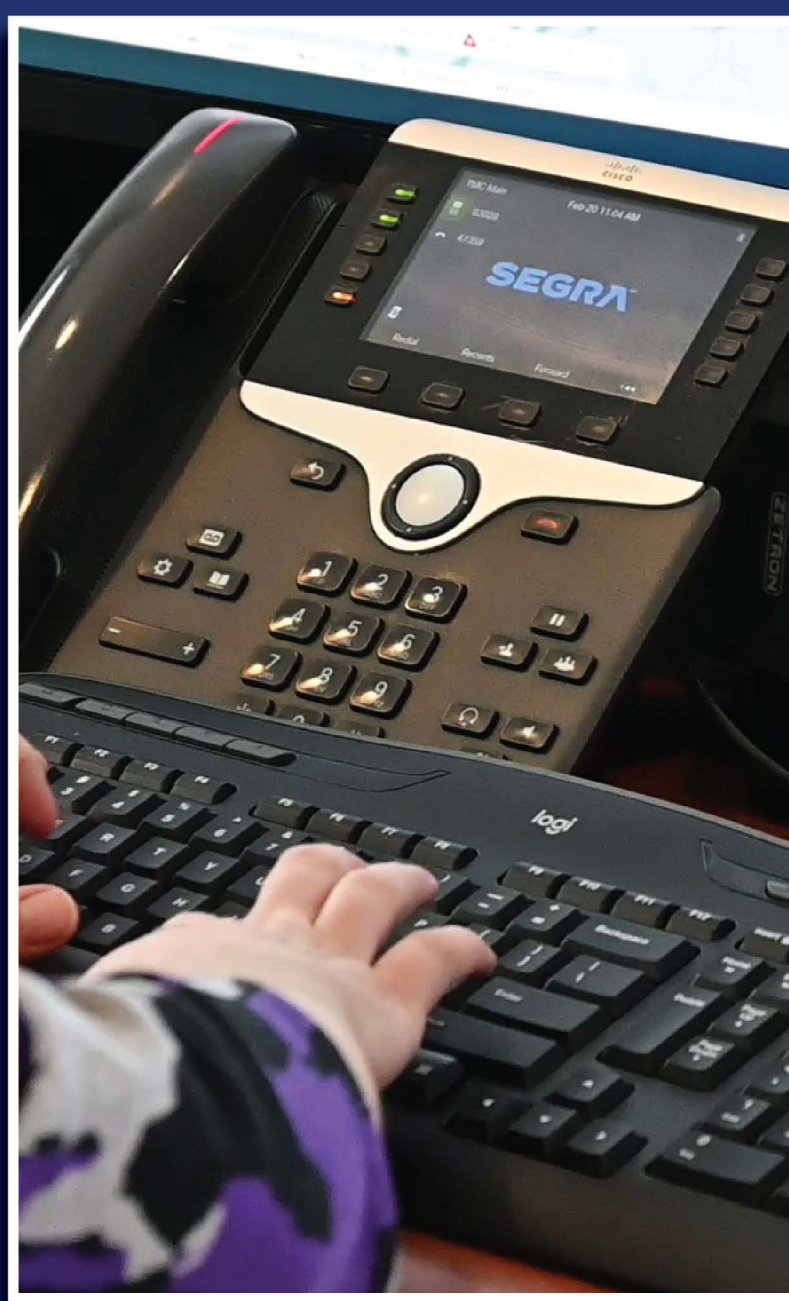
# TMC's

## CALL VOLUME INCREASED BY 72% IN 2025

The Transportation Management Center (TMC) experienced a dramatic 72% year-over-year growth in call volume in 2025, highlighting an expanded operational scope and the unwavering responsiveness of its staff.

“From our assessment, the increase in call volume can be attributed to several factors, including expanded coverage and reporting on county routes, as well as environmental impacts such as the extreme flooding experienced early last year, which persisted longer than a typical flood event,” said Jim Lambert TMC Manager and WV511 Coordinator.

The consistent growth demonstrated by the incident and WV 511 usage statistics from 2022-2025 underscores the critical and expanding role the TMC plays in maintaining safe and efficient travel across the state. This increase is a testament to the dedication and consistent work ethic of our TMC operators who have adeptly managed this expanded workload.





# TSA

## PREPARES TO CHARGE \$45 FEE TO PASSENGERS WITHOUT REAL ID

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reaching out to West Virginians to offer support in getting a Real ID this winter, in an effort to save citizens both time and money on air travel in 2026.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is scheduled to begin an extra identity check, accompanied by a \$45 fee, on Sunday, February 1, 2026, for all airport passengers who do not have a REAL ID or another acceptable ID (such as a passport). Over 63 percent of West Virginia residents now have that gold star in the corner of their drivers license, indicating that it's a REAL ID. For those who do not, the DMV is reaching out to make sure citizens know how easy it is to get a REAL ID.

To get the REAL ID, you need to visit a DMV office in person. There is a \$10 fee with the initial and renewal ID. DMV personnel are ready to assist customers and make a process that may seem unfamiliar as comfortable as possible.

REAL ID is compatible with the new Mobile ID's, so users who have REAL ID will also see the star when they pull up their drivers license on their phone.

To find out more about REAL ID's, visit [dmv.wv.gov](http://dmv.wv.gov) or stop by your local DMV office.

# DISTRICT 10

## HAD FOUR ORGANIZATIONS WITH FULL COMPLIANCE IN THEIR AUDITS

The auditing department's director, Dawna Skaggs, is proud to announce that four organizations in District 10 (D10) recently achieved full compliance following internal reviews.

"Achieving a "Full Compliance" rating in a follow-up review report is evidence of the hard work and dedication of our coworkers in these organizations. As auditors, we celebrate with them in accomplishing this goal and greatly appreciate their efforts to be in compliance with all the applicable policies and procedures," said Skaggs.

Congratulations to the teams at:

Comptroller's Office (Org. 1058, Final Report)

District Engineer's Office (Org. 1099, Report 11/25/2025)

Right of Way (Org. 1062, Report 10/31/2025)

Sign Shop (Org. 1097, Report 11/3/2025)

Well done to all for contributing to this outstanding success!



# WVDOH

## BARBOUR COUNTY DOH WORKER, BRADEN MITCHELL, WELCOMES A NEW YEARS BABY



**W**VU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital proudly welcomed its first baby of the new year, Charlotte Renea Mitchell, who arrived at 4 a.m. on Thursday, January 1, 2026.

Charlotte weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Linzy and Braden Mitchell. Braden is a proud member of the Barbour County West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) work crew.

Charlotte was delivered by Dr. Kimberly Farry, OB/GYN, and Amanda Ketterman, CNM. To commemorate the special occasion, the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary presented a special gift to the Mitchell family.

## DIVISION OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CLEARS ICE & SNOW OFF THE TRACKS

**T**he West Virginia mountains are known for their breathtaking beauty, but this the weekend of January 24 and 25, 2026, they gave us a reminder of their raw power. Following the severe winter weather that swept through the region, the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad faced a challenge of epic proportions.

Due to the intensity of the storm, the operators were forced to temporarily halt the beloved Greenbrier Express and Elkins Winter Special excursions as they dealt with 15 miles of sleet-slides and avalanches that blanketed the tracks.

Rest assured, we aren't just waiting for a spring thaw! Workers are currently on the ground, working diligently in freezing temperatures to reclaim the rails. For schedules and updates, check their website at [www.mountainrailwv.com](http://www.mountainrailwv.com)



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