



# WVDOT Today!



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Road Salt Amount

**231,000**

TONS OF ROAD SALT FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON



THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO 46,200 ELEPHANTS

## We Are Prepared for Winter, Are You?



# Mission: Making WVDOT Functional.

If you've heard the story of how the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) started paving with its own crews, or the one about the 140-acre-per-year tree canopy clearing cap being lifted so that the goal topped 550, or the one about square milled and filled potholes replacing the despicable "throw and go," then you've heard the true story of that time a bunch of underdogs took over a state agency and made it functional.

In West Virginia, everyone's an underdog. We win, repeatedly, because we try consistently.

The WVDOT lives by what Secretary Jimmy Wriston calls our West Virginia values. We do this because it's what we are and we understand that giving our state one thing consistently – the very best, smoothest, safest, most beautiful roads – is to fix one system across an entire state, in communities that have flourished and those who have struggled.

If your house is worn and weary in every way and someone comes along and just paints your front porch, it gives you hope because one thing is bright and fixed and fine. Some of our towns are already shined up. Some are well on their way. For some, new pavement or a new bridge is that painted front porch that sets every other victory in motion. This is what we've done these past few years, and what we continue to do.

Not long ago, and not far away, the WVDOT was very different. Our jobs are about responsibility and accountability; they're not just titles by our names. A bunch of our WVDOT folks, with lots of different job titles, at the recent Human Resources Conference were asked to brainstorm what it means to take the reins of a state agency with the goal of making it functional.

Here a few of the things written down which attendees took ownership of: the war on potholes, the Classification and Compensation Career Plan, doing our own hiring, District 1 finishing core maintenance for the first time ever after being told it was impossible, winning the ROADeo for the first time, Roads to Prosperity, overcoming staffing shortages, communicating with citizens and politicians, numerous projects completed, forming relationships between agencies to work together, work on the Oasis configuration/testing/implementation team, new equipment, better pay ... and the lists go on and on.

We're all working against the odds, but our goal is good – WVDOT as a functional agency where the parts work together for the whole. This is the plan we are continuing to unfold.



## WVDOT Today!

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# WVDOT Wins America's Transportation Awards People's Choice for Wellsburg Bridge!

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) won the 2024 America's Transportation Awards People's Choice Award for the Wellsburg Bridge project. The award was announced Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Sponsored by AASHTO, AAA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the America's Transportation Awards recognizes the positive impacts of state department of transportation projects have on communities across the nation.

The WVDOT also took home two additional awards; the President's Award was presented to Deputy Commissioner Rita Pauley, and the Transportation Vanguard Award was presented to Bennett Murphy. Both are prestigious awards for individuals in the transportation industry.

"I couldn't be more proud of our WVDOT, and the work they've put in," said Jimmy Wriston, P.E., Secretary of Transportation. "This just shows West Virginia values in action."

West Virginia was one of 12 finalists in the national competition for the America's Transportation Award, along with transportation projects from Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington State. The America's Transportation Awards Grand Prize went to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the I-95/Cottman Avenue Emergency Response.

The Wellsburg Bridge, which connects the communities of Wellsburg, West Virginia, and Brilliant, Ohio, opened in September 2023 to a fanfare of marching bands, confetti, and fireworks, completing a project that residents of the two communities had been pursuing for a century. An estimated 2,500 people turned out for the bridge grand opening.



"This is an incredible day for both Wellsburg and Brilliant because we are finally opening a bridge connecting these two communities that is long overdue," Gov. Jim Justice said at the opening of the bridge. "This bridge is going to make life better for everyone who travels through West Virginia's Northern Panhandle. This is truly an incredible day, and I'm proud to see another bridge project across the finish line. The bridge might be in the Northern Panhandle, but this is a great day for all of West Virginia."

Flatiron Construction, headquartered in Broomfield, Colorado, was awarded an approximately \$131 million contract for construction of the new bridge. Construction began in 2028.

The 830-foot main span of the bridge was built off-site on the bank of the Ohio River just upstream from the bridge site, floated into place and lifted onto its pilings in April 2021. It was the largest bridge lift in North America.

Completion of the bridge cut what used to be a half-hour commute between Wellsburg and Brilliant to mere minutes.

The People's Choice Award was determined by public vote across America, and carries a \$10,000 prize for charity.



# WVDOH Ready for Winter Weather, With Planned Routes and Plenty of Salt!

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) garages across the state have been busy preparing for Snow Removal and Ice Control (SRIC) operations as the cold weather months are ahead.

Crews conduct dry runs, perform equipment maintenance and testing like making sure plow attachments and salt spreaders are working and properly adjusted, and finish training during the fall months.

Statewide, the WVDOH has a stockpile of more than 231,000 tons of salt, and more than 1,000 snowplows to cover all 55 counties. A typical snowplow holds 12 tons of salt, enough to treat about 100 lane-miles of road. That's about a 50-mile stretch of two-lane road, or about 25 miles of four-lane.

"Our operators are assigned to continue to perform SRIC operations until all roads are addressed -- on a 24-hour, seven-day-per-week basis," said Joe Pack, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of Operations.

Drivers are available to hit the roads in 12-hour shifts when snow hits.

If the WVDOH knows a storm is coming and if conditions are cold and dry, they may pre-treat roads ahead of the snow with brine to make it harder for snow to stick and make it easier for plows to scrape snow from the road surface. But if it's wet and rainy the brine would just wash away.



"Trucks and drivers are always on standby and ready to address roadway conditions hours before the snow begins falling," said Pack. "Drivers will stay on patrol within their assigned areas, until the storm passes and conditions improve."

All roads maintained by the WVDOH and Parkways Authority fit into one of four priorities and are addressed as the storm conditions dictate. Priority 1 routes include Interstate, Expressway, National Highway System, and all other United States and West Virginia routes. Some Priority 1 routes also include high-traffic county routes. Priority 2 routes are all other school bus routes that are not considered Priority 1. Priority 3 routes are the remaining routes, not including park and forest routes. Priority 4 routes are park and forest routes.

Once Priority 1 routes are deemed in accessible condition, WVDOH operators move those the secondary routes in Priority 2 and 3. However, as snow returns, WVDOH operators return to the Priority 1 routes.

The WVDOH reminds drivers to take it slow when there is ice and snow and to be careful near snowplows. If a motorist attempts to pass a snowplow, make sure the plow driver can see the motorist. When a plow is approaching from the opposite direction, pull over as far to the right as is safe.

For the latest updates and information on travel conditions throughout West Virginia, visit [wv511.org](http://wv511.org).



# Gov. Justice Announces \$58 million Contract, Breaks Ground on Next Section of King Coal Highway!

Gov. Jim Justice today announced the award of a \$58 million contract for the construction of a 2.5-mile stretch of the King Coal Highway, connecting Littleburg to the Mercer County Airport.

The King Coal Highway is a four-lane highway approximately 95 miles long running through McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Wyoming, and Wayne counties, along or near currently existing US 52 from US 119 near Williamson to Interstate 77 in Bluefield.

The Roads to Prosperity Project is helping open Southern West Virginia to economic development.



"Years ago, I had a vision for Roads to Prosperity, and it's taken off in ways I never thought possible," Gov. Justice said. "The King Coal Highway is one of our most crucial projects because it unlocks the potential for Southern West Virginia. It sat on the sidelines for 30 years until we had a leader who truly believed in our state and the benefits our roads could bring. Today, we're celebrating another big milestone for the King Coal Highway, with even more projects on the way. We're not slowing down or taking a backseat—West Virginia is on the move, and we're going to keep it rolling."

Seven construction firms provided bids for the project at a special bid letting conducted by the WVDOH on September 24, 2024.

"The Governor had three big priorities when he took office, King Coal, the Coalfields Expressway, and Corridor H, and we've made significant progress on all three," Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E. said. "We've also made significant progress in getting through all the bureaucratic hurdles, and there's still more to be done to streamline those processes. We're moving forward on one more section of a road that has languished for decades and decades. It's finally happening, thanks to the Governor's big, bold vision. We're ready to build this road. The people in southern West Virginia deserve this road, which will open up the area for business and make travel safer."

Development of the King Coal Highway has been underway since the 1990s, but bogged down for lack of funding before Gov. Jim Justice revitalized the project in 2018. A two-mile section of the King Coal Highway connecting Airport Road to Interstate 77, and a four-mile section connecting US 119 to Belo north of Williamson are currently open to traffic. About 10 miles between Red Jacket and Mountain View is also open.

An approximately three-mile stretch from Airport Road to John Nash Boulevard near Bluefield opened in December 2023.

Construction of the section of the King Coal Highway from Littleburg to the airport is expected to begin in the spring of 2025.

Development of the King Coal Highway continues. In July 2023, Triton Construction Inc. was awarded a contract for nearly \$92 million to extend the existing four-lane highway for about 1.5 miles from Mountain View and create a connector to the town of Gilbert along Gilbert Creek.

An approximately \$107 million project to extend the King Coal Highway from Montcalm to Littleburg is currently in the planning stage.



# Gov. Justice Announces \$58 million Contract, Breaks Ground on Next Section of King Coal Highway Continued....



# With \$4.2 Billion in Active Construction Projects Currently Underway, WVDOT Eagerly Awaits Bridge Report Cards.

With an unprecedented \$4.2 billion in active construction projects currently underway across the state, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) is eagerly awaiting its next grade on all bridge condition-related reports.

Like a high school student who has been actively improving their grade point average, the WVDOT is counting down the days until report card day because with the real-time data available to the agency in its bridge management plan, the agency anticipates a significant drop in poor condition bridges.

"If you travel West Virginia, you'll see them working everywhere," said Jimmy Wriston, P.E., West Virginia Secretary of Transportation. "Everywhere you see a bridge, it's had some work done. There's 7,242 bridges in West Virginia today. The vast majority of them have had some work."

The most recent infrastructure report card from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), "Report Card for West Virginia's Infrastructure," lists 20 percent of the Mountain State's bridges as structurally deficient. But that report is based on data from 2021, when the WVDOT's bridge replacement and rehabilitation program was hitting its stride.

In September 2024, the nonprofit national transportation research organization TRIP released a report saying West Virginia has a backlog of \$198 billion to repair its roads and bridges. But that report is based on data from 2022. An update using 2023 data is expected around the end of the year.

A report by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, "National Bridge Inventory: West Virginia," based on 2024 data released by the FHWA, shows the number of structurally deficient bridges in the Mountain State dropping by 175 structures between 2020 and August 2024, as the state's bridges are replaced or rehabilitated.

But even the most current FHWA data lags behind what's actually going on in the field. Wriston said bridges listed as poor or deficient that are currently being worked on or replaced will be carried on the books that way until work is done or a new bridge opens.

Gov. Jim Justice's Roads to Prosperity program set in motion a break from a nationwide trend of underinvestment in infrastructure. For West Virginia, maintaining bridges meant managing a system in decline due to chronic underfunding.

"The metrics are always going to lag behind simply because of the nature of the bureaucracy involved in reporting that data and getting this stuff to the people that track this stuff," Wriston said. "We do it more in real time, because we've invested in the back-office stuff. We have a bridge management system."

WVDOT tracks its own data in real time and predicts a fall from as high as 40 percent to around 14 by the time reports start rolling in that take into account the work happening now. From there, Secretary Wriston sets an even more aggressive goal moving forward.

WVDOT has a 10-year bridge plan in place and uses its bridge management system to prioritize how to get the most work done efficiently to improve the entire system.

"Once we get the poor condition bridges down to the three or four percent range, and it's possible," Wriston said. "You set a plan out with a goal; that's our goal."

"Over the next 10 years, if we are able to follow our 10-year plan, and we have the funding levels necessary to do that, we're going to be in a position to where our bridges are going to be the talk of the country," Wriston said. "Our bridge inventory is truly going to be an example of how that sort of a transportation asset is managed."



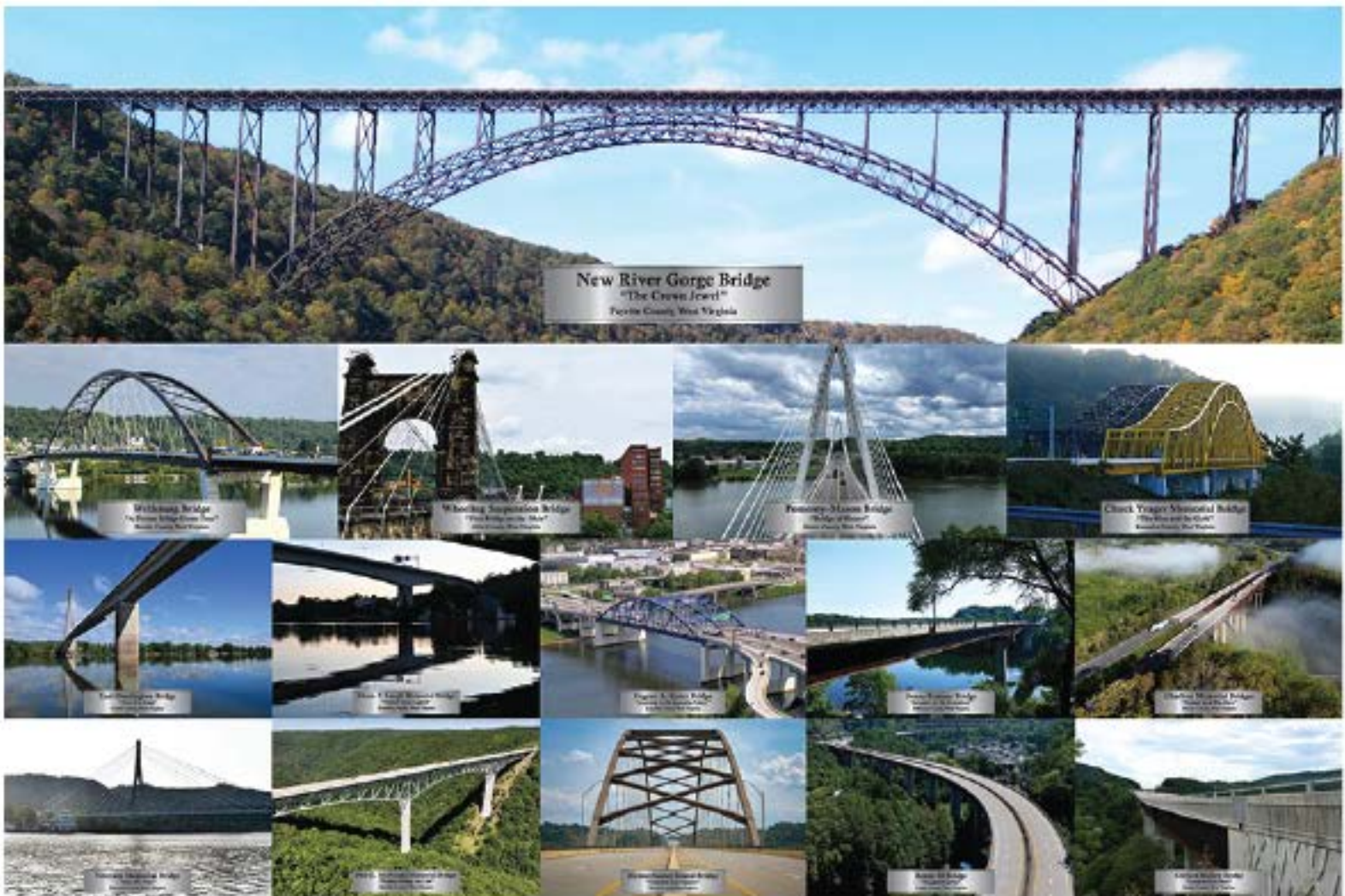
# New Bridge Poster Available for Download From WVDOH!

West Virginia is known for some of the most interesting and beautiful bridges in the country. With over 7,000 bridges in the state, a few are bound to stand out.

Starting with engineering marvel of the New River Gorge Bridge, the crown jewel of Mountain State bridges, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) has created a poster featuring 15 of the state's most interesting structures for free download.

To download your own bridge poster for free, scan the QR code.

Also, on our website we have the covered bridges of West Virginia poster available for download.





# DOT Representative Attends National CGI Forum in St. Louis.

Evan Dewey, Deputy Business Manager, recently attended the CGI Forum 2024 in St. Louis.

The forum was focused on what is referred to as version 4.0 of the Advantage Suite which includes Financials, HRM, and Performance Budgeting. According to Dewey, there are still many entities that are still in older versions, including West Virginia, but most have moved or are actively moving into the most current product.

"The CGI Forum was a great experience," said Dewey. "More importantly, it was a prime opportunity to get involved with the conversation and implementation of the latest version of the CGI Advantage suite. I was able to meet people using the product from all over the country. From Los Angeles county to the state of Maine, people share similar success and challenges with government business processes."

The event offered networking opportunities and training classes with real world benefits.

"The most beneficial aspect to me was the multiple workstations that were set up with a CGI developer on standby to answer questions and show firsthand demonstrations," said Dewey. "I spent close to an hour going through current DOH business processes in the new version of the system, and was able to have "in the weeds" conversations with the business analysts and developers that created everything that was on my screen."

Dewey's initial impression of the new user interface was that it is smooth and user-friendly.

"Our wvOASIS team will be working with multiple parties to launch the system in a way that benefits all of West Virginia's state agencies. So, it is important that DOT communicates early and often on any needs that we have," said Dewey.

# The Finance Division Receives a National Award!

The Financial Reporting section in the West Virginia Department of Transportation's Finance Division has recently received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for Fiscal Year 2023.

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the certificate to the section for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The report had been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"I would personally like to thank the Financial Reporting team for their continued commitment to excellence," said Carla Rotsch WVDOT Business Manager.

"The Government Finance Officers Association is nationally recognized and sets very high standards related to financial reporting. I am so proud of the team's accomplishment and their dedication to the organization."

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



# WVDOH Sweeps Three National Asphalt Awards!

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) swept all three categories in the national Asphalt Pavement Alliance's 2023 Perpetual Pavement Awards. The awards were announced at the Asphalt Pavement Association of West Virginia's annual Fall Meeting held Thursday, October 10, 2024, through Sunday, October 13, 2024, in Glade Springs.

The WVDOH entered the Perpetual Pavement Awards competition for the first time in 2023, and won all three categories.

"This prestigious award recognizes asphalt pavements which have been designed and built with outstanding care and exceptional quality," said Brittny Heisler of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance. "The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University carefully evaluated your project and determined that it exemplified the high standards set forth in the award criterion. As a recipient of The Asphalt Pavement Alliance's 2023 Perpetual Pavement Award, you will receive the coveted crystal obelisk."

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance believes asphalt roads can last indefinitely with regular maintenance if properly built and cared for. Perpetual Pavement Awards recognize roads that have lasted more than 35 years without a structural failure and have received normal maintenance, roads that have been switched to pavement that are expected to meet those standards, or newly build roads built to standards such that they should last at least 35 years with normal maintenance.

The WVDOH won a Perpetual Pavement Award By Performance for an approximately 2.5-mile section of US 250 in Barbour County. The Perpetual Pavement Award By Design was awarded to the WVDOH for the four-lane upgrade of US 35 in Putnam County, completed in 2021. The Perpetual Pavement Award By Conversion went to the WVDOH for a section of Interstate 64 converted from concrete to asphalt in Greenbrier County.



# CONGRATS!



# WVDOT Shares Upcoming Shift to Preservation Strategies, Made Possible by Increased Paving Statewide.

A progressive paving program over the past several years has put the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) in a position to transition from catching up years of underfunded road maintenance to focusing on pavement preservation within the next three years. This is all in addition to continuing to roll out new pavement.

“We set out on a plan,” said Jimmy Wriston, P.E., West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary. “We started with our interstates, we worked down through our US routes and the West Virginia routes. We undertook a plan to literally go in and do full depth reclamation, to rebuild those interstates from the base up. We did hundreds of miles of interstate in the last eight years.”

The results are paying off. Pavement preservation refers to projects to extend the life of existing pavements through a variety of methods such as cape seals, fog seals and overlays. On its current path, with the pace of paving projects around the state, Wriston predicts the WVDOT will soon be able to shift its focus from catching up to pavement preservation; from catching up to getting ahead continuing to pave, while making pavement last.

“We’re at a point now, according to our analytics, our plan, and where we are in our plan, we think over the next three years we’re going to be in that spot to where nearly 90 percent of our paving activities will literally be preservation programs,” Wriston said. “In three short years, we’ll have something worth preserving at that point.”

“We struggled for so long underfunding our roads and bridges that it was difficult even to manage the decline of our roadways,” Wriston said. “That’s literally the position we were in.”

Gov. Jim Justice made a focus on rebuilding the Mountain State’s dilapidated highway system a top priority. With Roads to Prosperity, Gov. Justice asked state voters to approve \$2.8 billion in bond sales to fund road and bridge construction in every county in West Virginia. His Secondary Roads Initiative concentrated on repairing and paving smaller rural roads statewide, the roads ordinary West Virginians drive every day.

Along with supplemental budget appropriations requested by the Governor and approved by the West Virginia Legislature, the WVDOT was able to embark on an unprecedented construction and maintenance program that has included the paving of thousands of miles of West Virginia highways.

“It’s an incredible achievement that this Department of Transportation has accomplished,” Wriston said. “And they’ve done it together. They’ve done it partnering with industry, with the engineering side, the construction side, our own maintenance side. We’ve all partnered.”

“We have augmented the contractor’s capabilities, while still focusing on those core activities, to get the entire system,” Wriston said, “We’ve taken a systems approach with data driven decision making concepts to get the roads moving in the right direction.”

West Virginia’s efforts to rebuild its highway system have not gone unnoticed. Earlier in October, the WVDOT swept all three categories in the national Asphalt Pavement Alliance’s Perpetual Pavement Awards competition. The awards recognize sections of highway built to the highest standards and expected to last for decades with normal periodic maintenance.

“It’s really a testament that in three short years, the things we were talking about 10 years ago with pavement preservation programs and techniques, we’ll be in a position to start doing that,” Wriston said. “It will be cheaper, it will be more efficient, and we’ll have a highway system we can actually maintain decade after decade, instead of managing the decline of our system decade after decade.”

“That’s been the message of this transportation department,” said Wriston. “Yes, we have a mountain to climb. Yes, the top of that mountain is up there. And we’re moving toward the top of that mountain, but we’re not there yet. We’re still going up, and we’ll always do that, because our work’s never done.”



# CenForce Installs New Roof at Durbin Depot.

The Durbin Train Depot has received a touch-up to its nearly 40-year-old roof, thanks to CenForce! Their team worked for about three weeks to install nearly 100 feet of durable and visually appealing roofing that enhances the depot's historic charm while preserving the over 100-year-old building.

"There was a lot of repair work to do," said William Pennington. "It looks great there ... Your eyes are glued to it now."

This upgrade not only improves the aesthetic but also provides vital protection from the elements, ensuring the depot remains a key part of the community for years to come. The revitalized roof is a testament to our commitment to maintaining local history while enhancing our community's pride.

We invite everyone to come by and see the stunning transformation for themselves.



**New Guests Each Week!**



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## Gov. Justice Debuts Heritage Highway as Newest Route of West Virginia's Mountain Rides Program!

Gov. Justice held a celebration to debut Heritage Highway, the newest route of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program.

Heritage Highway, a scenic loop that leads travelers throughout the southern region of the state, marks the fifth route of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program, a collaborative partnership between the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the West Virginia Department of Tourism to designate and promote the Mountain State's most scenic country roads.



"Southern West Virginia holds a very special place in my heart, and I'm excited that our newest Mountain Ride route will give folks an opportunity to see its beauty firsthand," Gov. Justice said. "Right now is the perfect time to get out and hit our country roads because the fall views are unlike any other. There's nothing quite like taking the scenic route, and West Virginia has some of the most beautiful ones around."

The Mountain Rides program was created as a partnership between the Departments of Transportation and Tourism in 2022.

*"Not too far back in our future, our roads weren't something we were promoting. We were spending a lot of time worrying about roads that were in disrepair and potholes and whatnot, and thanks to the Governor and Secretary Wriston and his entire team at DOH, that's not the case." - Chelsea Ruby, Tourism Secretary*

## Gov. Justice Visits New River Gorge National Park and Preserve to Celebrate Continued Growth and Investment!

Gov. Jim Justice visited New River Gorge National Park and Preserve to celebrate continued growth and investment.

To accommodate the growing visitation numbers of Bridge Day and the New River Gorge National Park, Gov. Justice cut the ribbon on an expanded parking facility for the Endless Wall Trail, which was built by West Virginia Department of Highway's Cenforce crew.



"Bridge Day is one of West Virginia's proudest traditions of the" Gov. Justice said. "The day attracts visitors from around the world to our beautiful New River Gorge National Park. Today's celebration of the expanded park at Endless Wall Trail is perfect timing. It's more than extra spaces—it's about improving safety and evolving with the growing demands for visitation. There is no doubt that West Virginia tourism is booming, and I could not be more proud to support that momentum. I look forward to this new space accommodating many visitors this weekend."



## District 9 Implemented Lessons Learned at the Recent Human Resources Conference, Namely **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**.

District 9 Headquarters staff hosted 22 little ninja turtles, fairies, doctors, and princesses from the Greenbrier County Public Library Story Time program. The kids and parents enjoyed their story time and snacks before trick-or-treating throughout the headquarters.

D9 staff enjoyed the opportunity to show their true colors in a less stressful manner, then shared Halloween-themed snacks at lunchtime and were awarded a few prizes for the best costume and decorated pumpkin. The director of the library program said this is their favorite event of the year, and D9 staff had a good time as well.

The HR Conference challenged WVDOH staff and management to find opportunities to become directly involved with the communities that we serve, beyond their daily job duties. Community involvement helps recruit new staff to fill critical vacancies and retains existing staff when they are able to understand how their efforts truly make a difference in peoples' lives.

Each child receives an application for employment in their trick-or-treat bag. District 9 continues to be successful because ALL of our staff are involved with our communities in many ways, this Halloween event is just one more example of our dedication to our communities and the DOH.



# Auditing “Raps” It Up!

WE ARE ONE DOT – (4 times) 1) Multi-modal 2) DMV 3) Parkways 4) Highways

One DOT from start to finish  
From Orgs to Central, no one is diminished  
CR’s to RC’s in DTIMS, HUB and Oasis,  
Keeping it simple back to the basics.  
WVDOH delivers PS&E  
Engineering, Construction, ROW for all DOT  
Mitigating for crawfish, mussels and bats  
Watching out for any endangered rats

WE ARE ONE DOT – (twice)

APO’s, ADO’s, tasks and work orders  
Keeping roads prime to all WV borders  
SRIC season leaves little doubt,  
WV DOT crews deserve a huge shout out  
Federal CFR’s and grants from FHWA  
Joining with AC/EC spending through IJA  
Special tax dollars for 0803  
Using Budget 95 is our place to be

WE ARE ONE DOT – (twice)

Core canopy cutting, mowing and pulling ditches  
Keeping roads safe for all you  
There’s no doubt we are the best in the biz  
For we have what others call nothing but riz  
Our crew from all Districts to the Main Office  
No other state DOT can come close to touch us  
Winning awards on the national level  
Our One DOT is beyond something special.  
WE ARE ONE DOT - (4 TIMES)  
Crew out



## WVDOH Hosting Open Houses Statewide.

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is hosting a series of open houses throughout October and into November, with meetings being held at each District statewide.

The open houses allow the opportunity for state and Local officials along with the media to get a better understanding of where current and future projects stand. While also being able to have dialogue with District Engineers on any concerns they have in their areas.



“Our goal for the meeting was to inform the public how critical and important it is for us to be able to communicate with our political representatives,” said Mike Daley, District 3 Manager. “So, they are able to communicate with their respective constituents in their counties in our district as well as statewide when they have concerns about our roadway system.”

Districts 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,and 10 have been held, District 4 open house will be held November 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.



# HR Haiku!

Farmers:

Farmers sow daily  
Up early in the morning  
To provide for You!

Harvesters:

Don't fear the reaper  
As we harvest the talent  
Golden fields whisper

Gardners:

Seeds need sun and rain  
Help them grow or watch them go  
Then reap what you sow

Planters:

We are the planters  
We plant the seeds of success  
To make our team grow

## VISION AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following individuals being recognized this month by Secretary Wriston for their dedication to The Vision.*

*Angela Thaxton - Winfield DMV Regional Office*

*Rachael Payne - DMV Driver Services*

*Larry Day - Cenforce*

*David Fisher - Cenforce*

*Gregory Roy - Cenforce*

*Brian Hall - Cenforce*

*Robert Lynch - Cenforce*

*Arthur Mitchell - Cenforce*

*Timothy Coffman - District 9*

*The Vision is simple: to be the best DOT in the country, for the purpose of giving our West Virginia the chance it should have - a place of prosperity and joy, where citizens have the best chance to build the lives they hope for. To be the best DOT in the country based on the quality of our work and motivation. To be the safest place for our employees to work. To be the best trained, and most educated. To go Above and Beyond, every day.*

# A Thankful Citizen!

I just wanted to write and tell whoever is in charge of the DOH is awesome. You are doing a great job and have got alot done here lately taxes well spent. I just figured I'd let you know your doing a good job not that my opinion matters but thank you.

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