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West Virginia DMV Has Productive Year

Accomplishments

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) continues to focus on providing the best customer service possible to our citizens, through new and innovative technology, and by utilizing all possible transaction opportunities (online, in-person, mail, phone, and drop-box).

New and continuing projects:

- DMV processed its first fully electronic title with a lien in August. Electronic Lien and Titling (ELT) will be a much faster, efficient, and accurate titling and lien process. DMV began with just six dealerships in the pilot project in January 2022, but is almost to full dealership adoption statewide. The most recent version added the ability of lienholders to record liens directly.
- A new full-service regional office opened in Fairmont, replacing the old test site that solely focused on driver services. This allows for more customers to be served in the



Fairmont location instead of driving to Clarksburg or Morgantown. Another regional office is under construction in Berkeley Springs with opening scheduled in Spring 2023.

- REAL ID HeadStart launched online, which allows customers to scan and upload their documents virtually before coming to a regional office. With their documents

already proactively approved, all the customer has to do is present them for DMV agents to quickly inspect. This saves valuable time for both the customer and employee.

- Customers are enjoying the opportunity to take their learner's permit knowledge test from the comfort of home. Online knowledge tests surpassed 50,000 in November. Once customers pass the test, they can schedule an appointment or walk into an office for document verification and their picture, but the transaction time is dramatically reduced, again reducing wait times in the regional offices.



Evan Dewey- Budget and Procurement

The Budget and Procurement Division has built a strong team of highly skilled and knowledgeable individuals. This has allowed us to become more efficient and adapt to a changing financial environment within state government and the WVDOT.

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Cenforce Braving the Elements to Rebuild Trout Run Bridge

Five miles out an abandoned railroad line near Cass, a crew of West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) workers are braving harsh conditions and long commutes to rebuild the Trout Run railroad bridge and reopen the rail line between Cass and Durbin.

“There hasn’t been a train between Cass and Durbin since 1985,” said Cameron Barkley, a WVDOT construction engineer who is one of the crew rebuilding the bridge.

When floodwaters swept the tracks from the old hand-stacked stone railroad bridge in 1985, it shut down a rail line that had been open since the early 1900s, and was a regular run on Cass Scenic Railroad since the railroad opened in 1963. In cooperation with the WVDOT’s Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities and the Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad, which runs the Cass trains, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is working to build a new bridge and reopen the Cass to Durbin run for tourism.

Members of the work crew are part of WVDOH Central Forces, or Cenforce, a group of workers with specialized skills who can be sent around the state to tackle projects requiring special expertise.

“You name it, we do it,” said Greg Pennington, a supervisor on the Cass project. “We step in and knock it out of the park.”

For Pennington and other Cenforce workers rebuilding the Trout Run Bridge, it’s a labor of love.



Cameron Barkley



Barkley is one of two men on the Cass crew with direct ties to the railroad and to the area. Barkley’s father worked as a train engineer running Shay locomotives on Cass scenic railroad, and Barkley grew up on the Cass to Durbin run.

“He’s one of the old-timers that knows about the railroad and a lot about the Shay engines,” Barkley said. “People seek him all over the place to speak about Cass.”

Pennington feels personally responsible to help reopen the Cass to Durbin run.

“I think we owe it to the state and to the nation to open this back up so people can see the beauty of the river and this valley,” Pennington said.

The Trout Run Bridge sits about halfway between Cass and Durbin, accessible only by rail. Everything from construction materials to heavy equipment had to be brought in by rail, and it’s a 30-minute ride by rail speeder or rail truck for the workers to get in and get out every day.

Working conditions are rough.

“When it’s 25 degrees at Cass, it’s 15 degrees here,” Pennington said. “We actually plowed ourselves in – our pickups have plows on them – we’d plow our way in to get to work.”

But the hard work and long hours are worth it.

“It’s not too many jobs you have where you see a bald eagle fly by you,” Pennington said.

“Years from now, my kids, my grandkids, their grandkids are going to have the opportunity to ride this valley,” he said. “And they can say my dad or my grandad or my great-grandad helped build this bridge.”



Babydog Saves Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the state,
The children were nervous, for Santa was late.
A Christmas Eve snowstorm had closed all the roads;
The reindeer were stranded, along with their load.

The children tossed nervously, there in their beds;
The thought of no presents had filled them with dread.

When down at the salt shed there arose such a clatter;
I sprang from my bunk to see what was the matter.
When much to my wondering eyes should appear,
But Babydog Justice, and eight tiny reindeer.

Babydog hitched up the reindeer, and she did it right quick,
To the biggest new snowplow in our own District 6.
At light speed she led them from that humble garage,
Right out to the highway, the snow drifts to dodge.

It was the fastest dang snowplow you ever did see,
And before you could say it, the roadways were free.
The roads were as dry as a hot sunny day,
Clearing a path for Santa and sleigh.

And Babydog barked, as she flew out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

--Rusty Marks, with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore



Notes from the Governor's Highway Safety Program

Rail Grade Crossing Campaign Ends

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Rail Grade Crossing paid media campaign ends on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022. The *Stop. Trains Can't.* campaign began in mid-September and promotes rail grade crossing safety, encouraging motorists to look for trains and stop rather than trying to race across the tracks when a train approaches a rail grade crossing.

Statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* Mobilization to be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 – Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

In an ongoing effort to decrease impaired driving in West Virginia, the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is promoting a statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* high

visibility campaign.

During the month of December between 2016 and 2020, more than 4,400 people were killed nationwide in drunk-driving-related crashes. Although it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, one person was killed every 45 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads in 2020.

There were a total of 267 roadway fatalities in West Virginia in 2020. Of those, 76 involved an alcohol-impaired driver, accounting for 29 percent of all roadway fatalities.

The *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* mobilization focuses on educating the public about the dangers of impaired driving and law enforcement officers saving lives by enforcing state law.



Timmy Smith

District 1 Christmas Decorator



The employees in District 1 for the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) are in the holiday spirit thanks to a new co-worker.

On Dec.5, Timmy Smith was welcomed by the district as an employee for the day. His mission was to help decorate for Christmas in the Charleston offices. Smith, 19, nephew of Sheila Young, a Regional Trainer, has faced disabilities with a winning smile and now he brings that smile to District 1.

Arlie Matney, the District Manager of District 1, met Smith over a year ago and Smith had asked him recently for a job with the DOH. Matheny's idea was to ask Smith to help decorate for the day. Smith accepted and when he arrived for the day, he even received a nametag with DOH District 1 on it.

"Timmy came in, we put Santa Claus hats on and went floor to floor, department to department and decorated windows and doors," Matney said.

Smith and Matney then made their way across the street to the district's equipment rooms. Matney said the crews helped Smith onto a snowplow so Smith was able to witness what it was like to be on one.

Following the all-day decorating adventure for Smith, he received more than two dozen Christmas cards and a few Christmas gifts from the employees.

Matney said that the cards are now on full display in front of Young's office in Building 5.

"She (Young) was so happy that someone would try to be good to Timmy. She was overwhelmed and so thankful, so appreciative," Matney said.

Before Smith left for the day and ready brag to his friends about working for the DOH, Matney said there was a touching moment between him and Smith.

"I think the thing that touched me the most was when Timmy was leaving, he put his arms around me and said 'I love you boss. Thank you for letting me work,'" he said.

"That made Christmas for me."

Matney said his crew in District 1, from construction to maintenance, felt the same way he did about meeting and working with Smith.

"I think Timmy gave us all the best Christmas present we could ever get," Matney said.

"There are no words to describe it. I think the majority of our staff agreed that this is what the holidays and Christmas is all about."





Cindy Butler- Multimodal Transportation Facilities

A Snapshot of 2022

In March of 2022, Gov. Jim Justice signed a bill creating the Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities (DMTF) within the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT). This legislation combined the Aeronautics Commission, Division of Public Transit, Port Authority and State Rail Authority into this new Division.

The Aeronautics section of DMTF continued to utilize state funds to support the 24 public airports in the state. This is done through direct grants for needed capital improvements and as matching funds for airports meeting the criteria for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program funds.

The Public Transit section, in conjunction with Bluefield Area Transit (City of Bluefield), completed a \$3.2M construction project for a transit transfer station. The section is also involved in a design phase for the expansion of the Mountain Transit Authority (Summerville) Headquarters. A study has been commissioned for a similar project at the Potomac Valley Transit Authority. This study is scheduled to be released this month. The section has also partnered with the Central West Virginia Transit Authority (CENTRA) in Clarksburg for a project removing their aging fueling system and replacing it with a modern fueling system. Transit is also going through the process for a vehicle order for potentially 80 vehicles in the range of \$12-14 MM. Transit also serves as the safety oversight agency (SSOA) responsible for providing oversight on the safety program of the West Virginia University Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system.

The Rail section completed a \$1.2 million dollar project to replace the north end of a bridge on the South Branch Valley Railroad. In addition, the Rail Section continued work on the Trout Run Bridge project, which is the last link in rejoining the rail line between Cass and Durbin. This project is scheduled for completion by year end and has been a collaboration between Rail and West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) employees as well as the private operator, Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad. In addition to this project, Rail and WVDOH employees have worked on numerous bridges on the South Branch Valley Railroad. By partnering with DOH, on these and other projects, the Rail Division exemplifies the mission of the WVDOT, which is

“One DOT”.

The goal of the new DMTF is to expand on the concept of working together as “One DOT” and utilizing our “Big Sister” DOH to provide their expertise on projects for all of the divisions within DMTF. This internal cooperation allows us to perform projects in-house, thus stretching the use of WV state taxpayers’ dollars. This cooperation will only continue to grow in the future, working toward not only being a GOOD Department of Transportation but maintaining our status as the BEST DOT in the country.

Perry Keller-Planning Division

A great accomplishment for Planning Division was the creation and federal approval of West Virginia’s National Electric Vehicle Implementation (NEVI) Plan. All states were required to submit their Plan by August 1, 2022. The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) was required to submit to the State Legislature its draft Plan by July 1, 2022. Both milestones were met.

This was made possible with teamwork involving several key members of the Planning Division staff as well as utilizing Kimley-Horn as the consultant on the effort. To make life a little more difficult, these requirements for submission were before the final rule has been codified. Even now Planning Division, along with the Commissioner’s Office of Economic Development, are working towards implementing the NEVI Plan even as the Final Rule is still being reviewed for comments made during the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

It’s not every place you work where a team of individuals can add to their workload this kind of new venture while keeping other duties progressing as well.

Ameche Watson- Office Services

Office Services Division recently purchased a new copy machine for the Print Shop. The new machine has capability for magazine quality printing as well as providing copies of color and black and white images, printing 70 sheets per minute. The new equipment is intended to save money on jobs previously contracted out for service such as Business Cards. The Print Shop hopes to do printing for agency to eliminate purchase need for as many printers in Building Five.

Office Services takes pride in providing services to the agency.

2022: Our Year in Pictures

January. February. March

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Year in Review: WVDOT Divisions

Chime in on the Year That Was. (Cont)

Jeff Pifer- Equipment

Due to equipment supply issues, many of our orders were either delayed or canceled leaving us with a budget surplus at the end of SFY 2022. The Central Office gave us the greenlight to seek out equipment that would benefit the state and was currently available in dealer inventory. We were able to find and purchase \$4 million dollars' worth of equipment including two asphalt pavers, one street sweeper truck, 17 excavators, one International truck chassis (which will be utilized as a welding truck), four Cat D1 dozers, one attenuator truck, and seven VenTrac mowers. Being able to move quickly allowed us to effectively utilize our budget and get badly needed equipment.

Chuck McCullough, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Resurfaced the front parking lot, remodeled the main conference room, continued exterior building cleaning and trim painting, and decorated the facilities with live flower beds and planters.

Michele Wright, Administrative Secretary

I believe our organization does an excellent job assisting others when needed. I enjoy being a part of this team. I try my best to make the Equipment Division shine and I'm proud to be part of the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) family.

Aaron Stroud, Training Academy

This is a basic rundown of our totals as of today, classes are still ongoing so these will increase weekly.

Equipment operator training:

- 562 classes have been held this year.
- Total number of employees trained is 3,135.
- Total certification earned at Medina was 90.
- Total certification earned at Camp Dawson was 34.

Mechanics/New Equipment Training:

- 103 classes held this year.
- Total number of employees trained is 879.
- Total number of Automotive Service Excellence certifications earned is 133.

Kevin Linger, Body Shop and Anti-Corrosion Program

We built a new body shop and oversized paint booth for large equipment at the equipment division. We are refurbishing GSA equipment and old equipment to repurpose and extend their life.

Dusty Loudin, Yard Supervisor

One of the yard's accomplishments this year is that the surplus equipment sale was 100% successful. Also we regraded and organized the entire yard. We as a team and a family continue to strive to make sure everyday is a success here in the yard.

Dee Brown, Comptroller

The Equipment Division completed its three year inspection through the West Virginia Purchasing Division. For the first time ever the Equipment Division received an "A". This is huge and is reflective of its entire purchasing staff.

The Equipment Division ended its 2022 Parts Materials and Supplies Physical Inventory with a variance of \$1,743.12. The total value of the Equipment Division's inventory was \$1,532,732.67. Another amazing job by the storekeepers and staff.

The variance in inventory was mostly fuel - I did not state that because I don't want any negativity with Fuelmaster or whatever. Although a memo was sent out at inventory time indicating that Fuelmaster posting to REMIS was not stopped which caused the variance. Not counting fuel we were off \$17.83.

Shawn Smith- Contract Administration

Contract Administration implemented a new performance-based prequalification system for contractors, taking the place of our financial based system. We've implemented AASHTOWare Project (AWP), a web-based project documentation system. AWP has allowed easier access for all users and made the project documentation and vendor payments easier. Both systems went online this year. None of these changes would have been possible without everyone in Contract Administration, plus input from other folks in other divisions and districts. Contract Administration has let over 240 projects worth over \$580 million while assisting the districts in administering the ongoing construction contracts throughout the state.



2022: Our Year in Pictures

April. May. June



Year in Review: WVDOT Divisions

Chime in on the Year That Was. (Cont)

Natasha White/ Jonathan Schaffer- Human Resources

The Human Resources (HR) Division reflected on the past year and our contribution to furthering the vision of the WVDOT. The attached document is a brief summary of how we feel our collaborative efforts as a Division have contributed to the overall success of the Agency.

“Seizing the Window of Opportunity”

Workplace Analytics, Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s), measuring Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA’s), attrition metrics, and turnover ratios are all terms that were somewhat foreign to most employees in the HR Division prior to the start of FY23. Our strategic plan (presented at the end of FY22) relies heavily on workplace metrics to drive our decision-making. In August, we proudly implemented the first phase of “Workplace Analytics” as our daily driver of statistical data used to execute the key programs that comprise our growing Division and Agency.

In addition to the incorporation of Workplace Analytics, the HR Division takes great pride in our contribution to the WVDOT being named “Employer of the Year” by Marshall University. To further our vision as “One DOT”, we have steadily incorporated the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities (DMTF) into our workflow and expanded our Training and Development programs statewide to bring unity and cohesion to our growing Agency.

The HR Division hosted a historic number of hiring events to meet the staffing challenges of the WVDOT. Hiring events proved to be a great success for the HR Division with numerous new talent acquisition events held statewide.

Dawna Cork- Auditing

The Transportation Auditing Division team continues to conduct reviews as requested within all three sections. The Division had two significant retirements in the calendar year: Randy Wade, former Director and Bill Rollins, former Assistant Director. The Division team issued approximately 77 reports for the calendar year from all three sections while being understaffed by half. Responses to findings were received within the 10-day timeframe as required by policy and the overall compliance within the various districts and divisions continued to improve. The Division team members attended college hiring events in

the fall to promote the Division to hire additional staff. We provided in-house training to stay updated on various topics, and the Director and Assistant Directors have been involved with implementation of a new audit software for the Division over the months. We continue to strive to develop a more efficient and standardized workflow to help expedite engagements and to help the West Virginia Department of Transportation to maintain compliance and achieve our overall agency mission. One Crew, One Mission, Safe and Efficient Transportation.

Jacob Bumgarner-Operations

Nothing that Operations Division does is a one person show. Everything is a team effort. Our number 1 goal and mission is to support the Districts in maintenance of roads, bridges and facilities including bridge inspections, disaster response, contracts, and various other means. Teamwork within the Division and to other DOH entities is crucial to fulfill that goal and mission.

What makes this a great place to work is ultimately the people. For the most part, we have very dedicated people looking to get the maximum amount of work completed as efficiently as possible. It feels good to see the difference being made on the roadways each and every day.

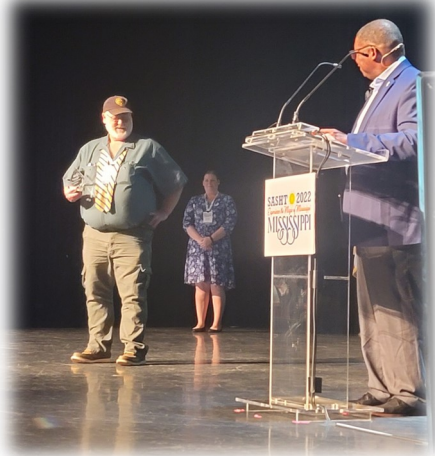
Here’s what the Operations Division accomplished in 2022:

- Regional Operations Engineers and OM Safety personnel worked with the Human Resource Division's Training Group to facilitate Crew Chief Training in all Districts.
- Central Forces Crews installed a beam on I-77 bridge over US 50 to reopen all lanes to traffic. This included coordination with OM bridge staff and District 3 bridge, sign shop and expressway staff.
- The OM Contract Section revised the Courtesy Patrol contract and got it into place.
- The new Webster County Headquarters will be opening next month after construction is complete. OM Buildings and Grounds Section worked with D7 Construction to keep the project on track during construction.
- Disaster Response Section completed FEMA training in all Districts.



2022: Our Year in Pictures

July. August. September



Year in Review: WVDOT Divisions

Chime in on the Year That Was. (Cont)

Ted Whitmore- Traffic Engineering

2022 has been another busy one for the Traffic Engineering Division. Some notable accomplishments have included completing the state's new 5-year Strategic Highway Safety Plan, completing a major update to the WV 511 system which includes revamping and adding new features to the 511 website and smartphone applications, completing the state's Federal Railroad Administration Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan, and significant advancement towards completion of the West Virginia Division of Highways' (WVDOH) new crash data and analysis application.

The Traffic Engineering Division also continued its practice of making training for our DOH colleagues a priority. A detailed three-day guardrail training session was conducted this year for designers, and impact attenuator maintenance training was conducted for maintenance personnel statewide. The Traffic Engineering Division's Central Sign Shop and sign, lighting, and signal field maintenance personnel continued to accomplish a great deal of work.

The Central Sign Shop has produced nearly 20,000 traffic signs this year and the statewide sign maintenance crew has completed nearly 700 maintenance and new installation work orders. In addition, the Traffic Engineering Division has successfully filled a number of positions this year, welcoming 11 new employees into the Division. The Traffic Engineering Division also understands and believes that whatever is accomplished is also due in large part to the cooperation and assistance of all of the other Divisions and Districts, as well as the support that we receive from our Agency's management.

Travis Long- Technical Support Division

Our division traveled just over 300,000 miles without a lost time or injury accident.

We replaced two core drill rigs with more efficient remote operated tracked rigs. These new drills eliminate the need for cable supports and standalone water pumps. They are remotely operated, increasing safety for the operators in challenging terrains.

Our NEPA section completed the Statewide Pollinator program installing over 100 sites statewide to provide habitat for pollinating species.

Also, Ben Hark with our NEPA Section celebrated his 50th year with highways this year!

Our Survey and Mapping Section expanded our UAV (Drone) program to include LiDAR, multispectral and under bridge operations. This program has proved to have an expanded return on investment while increasing safety for field crews and emergency response teams.

Jeff Miller- West Virginia Parkways Authority

I would like to take this opportunity to share projects the West Virginia Parkways Authority has completed during this year and is currently working on. The Parkways Authority and the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) have worked together to see all these accomplishments completed.

Construction on the Beckley Widening Project was completed. This was a collaborative effort between Parkways Authority and the WVDOH. Additional lanes were added from the I-64/77 split to the North Beckley Interchange, between mile markers 40 and 48. This is historically one of the most congested stretches of roadway on the entire West Virginia Turnpike.

To enhance the safety for the traveling public, we also completed the first phase of a Median Barrier Wall Project. This will be an ongoing project to raise and strengthen the Median Barrier Wall on the North End of the Turnpike.

In June, we started the upgrade of the Turnpike toll system, which will modernize our tolling operations. We have needed this upgrade for more than 10 years.

Under our Bridge Maintenance Management Plan, the Parkways Authority completed five Accelerated Bridge Deck Replacements. Utilizing this operation allows us to replace a bridge deck in days instead of months to minimize interruption of traffic flow.

We are excited to have started the process of painting both Yeager Bridges near Charleston; with the input of WVDOH and the governor's office the colors gold and blue were chosen.

Plans have been finished for the total redevelopment of the travel plazas. This year we have completed the architectural designs and are planning construction in February 2023, starting with Beckley and Bluestone Travel Plazas.



2022: Our Year in Pictures

October, November, December





Robert Pennington- District 2

We have been very fortunate in 2022 with the unprecedented funding we have received for maintaining the district's highway system. The accomplishments through the two General Fund Surplus Programs and our improvements with our Core Maintenance Program have allowed us to catch up on previously deferred maintenance. In delivering these programs, our staff has overcome the challenges of supply chain issues, cost escalations, material and labor shortages, and aggressive schedules. These challenges required us to communicate more effectively, take more responsibility for our work, and broaden our thinking on possible solutions to issues as they would arise.

The commitment to maintenance of our highways through clearly defined goals and enhanced funding was evident to our staff and the general public in 2022. Being able to make a positive impact on the highway system in the District continues to serve as motivation to our staff and makes working at the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) very rewarding.

Michael Daley- District 4

I have been in District 4 now for about six weeks as the Interim District Manager.

I am very honored to be asked to come to the district as their district manager. Without my employees, we could not be successful in all of our operations daily.

Our team of employees are wonderful to work with. As I tell them, "We spend more time with our co-workers as we do with our families."

Everyone in our district is very helpful in assisting the residents of our state to make our roads as safe as we possibly can.

District 4 has 4,815.37 miles of road in Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston and Taylor counties.

- Employee Quota: 590 employees- Active: 546 employees. We are about 45 employees short.
- We have held five job fairs throughout the district and plan to hold three more before the end of January 2023.
- We have lost 85 employees for various reasons--retirement, transfers to other state agencies or districts, resignations etc.

- We have hired 115 employees since Jan. 1, 2022.
- Our State Forces, Purchase Order and Contract Paving have paved 61.81 miles of roadway.
- We have answered 909 citizens requests district-wide since July 1, 2022
- We have 58 Federal Aid, Non-Federal Aid and Annual plan projects that we are working on in the district.
- We are working diligently on our Core Maintenance plans, Ditching, Mowing, Stabilization and Patching to complete our annual plan.
- Weather permitting, we plan to finish our paving for the season and will resume as soon as weather is permitting.

It is wonderful to wake up every morning and think, I look forward to reporting to work to see what challenges are handed to us to resolve.

Knowing that with the team of employees that I have, we will be successful and knowing when we leave in the evening that we have had a successful day and a feeling of accomplishment in many different ways. I cannot speak highly enough for the wonderful employees that I have and the great effort that they put forth every day they report to work.

Lee Thorne- District 5

I am constantly amazed at the dedication and productivity of the employees in District 5. Even after recovering from the COVID pandemic and often working understaffed, they have continued to work together to serve the public. District 5 finished the canopy cutting season with a total of 52 acres cleared. We have continued to identify and remove hazardous trees after that. This calendar year a total of 287.44 lane miles of road were paved. One hundred percent of our pothole patching was completed by Memorial Day and 100 percent of the required ditching was completed this calendar year. The overall condition of the roads in District Five continues to improve.

Tony Clark- District 6

This year was another great year for the district, and all of our organizations are getting better at doing what they do and making the roads of this district better for our residents and those travelling through the area. I'm looking forward to what next year holds and how we can continue to get better.

2022: A Groundbreaking Year

We celebrated new beginnings!



It was a big year for new beginnings and celebrating the completion of new projects;

Cheat River Bridge Announcement

Trail Grants Announcement—Babcock

Big Blue Bridge

Statewide Paving Program Kick-off

I-79 Harmony Lane Interchange

Coalfields Expressway Announcement—Welch

Seneca Skyway Mountain Rides Route

Bluefield Transfer Station

Capitol Circle Mountain Rides Route

Wheeling Streetscape Groundbreaking

Cranberry Corridor Mountain Rides Route

Nitro World War I Memorial Bridge Opening

Culloden Interchange Groundbreaking



Year in Review: WVDOH Districts

Reflect on 2022. (Cont)

District 6, CONTINUED

District 6 has made great strides this year in getting our roads in better condition throughout the district. In addition to all the CORE Maintenance work that our county and expressway organizations have been able to perform this year, we were able to pave over 30 miles of roadway via the General Road Fund Surplus program, most of which was accomplished with purchase order paving, and amounts to over 64,000 tons of new asphalt on the roads of District 6. We assembled a paving crew again this year from some county and expressway employees to pave with our own forces and were able to pave almost 20 miles of roadway with over 23,000 tons of new asphalt. We assembled this paving crew because our Heavy Maintenance crews received one of the new SoilMec large piling drills in April and immediately put it to use repairing the numerous slips throughout the district. They were able to construct 19 separate piling walls for a total of over 2100 linear feet of wall using 203 individual steel piles.

During the time that the maintenance work was ongoing, our Construction section continued managing some of the largest projects in the state. The Roads to Prosperity I-70 Bridges project is in the homestretch with most of the work nearing completion and only minimal items and traffic impacts expected next year. The Wellsburg Bridge is also nearing completion and is scheduled to open sometime in late spring or early summer of 2023. In the Wheeling area, renovation work continues on the historic Wheeling Suspension Bridge and work has begun on the much needed downtown Wheeling Streetscape project.

Brian Cooper- District 7

This past year was a very productive year for District 7. Crews in all our maintenance organizations completed 100% of their core plan obligations for the year and have made significant progress in brush control and canopy removal along our highways. Our crews also replaced numerous culverts in preparation for an aggressive paving program. Utilizing contractors, as well as our own paving crews, we delivered this ambitious paving program which resurfaced 125 miles of roadway within the District. In addition, our bridge and heavy maintenance crews repaired several bridges, replaced bridges, installed piling walls, and replaced various other drainage

structures.

None of this would be possible without each employee knowing their roles, taking pride in their work, and working with others to make their organization successful. I am proud to see this spirit of teamwork permeate throughout District 7 and the rest of the West Virginia Division of Highways. (WVDOH) The results can be seen by anyone travelling our roads as the condition of our highway system has improved with each passing year. I would like to thank all employees for doing their part to make our highway system the best that it can be, and I look forward to another productive year in 2023.

James Moore- District 9

Very early in 2022 District 9 coordinated with all supervisory staff to schedule work and set goals for the upcoming year. Then in the spring our plans were impacted by multiple spring rainstorms. As soon as we cleaned up and completed repairs for one storm then another hit creating more damages to repair. One storm resulted in enough damage to be declared as a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) natural disaster. Crews from throughout the district work together to quickly repair roads to restore safe travel for our residents. The District 9 Bridge Department left their active projects to construct a temporary causeway to restore access for one bridge that was washed out in Fayette County Construction plans were quickly developed and material acquired to begin construction on the new bridge.

Supervisors reorganized to complete much of our Core Maintenance Program. Our Equipment Shop coordinated with the organizational supervisors to prioritize equipment repairs so that the right equipment was available to complete scheduled activities. We coordinated with our vendors to rent necessary equipment when repairs of our own equipment could not be expedited due to delays in parts acquisitions. Overall our core maintenance plan was successful.

We completed a lot of paving thanks to the General Review Fund paving program that was allocated by the Legislature. Successful completion of this program along with our previously established paving programs have provided big improvements in road conditions throughout our district. It took a lot of coordination and work among our vendors, state forces and contractors to complete.





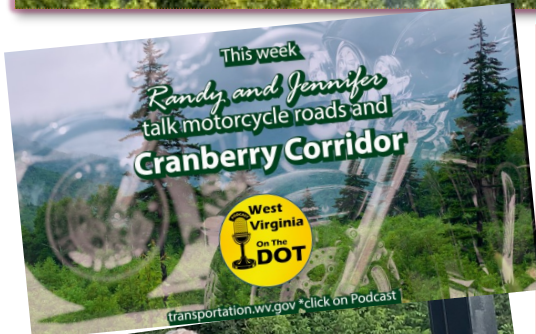
2022: Our Year in PODCASTS

This Year's Guests

This year's podcast guests;

- Joe Pack
- Jim Lambert
- Jimmy Wriston
- Julian Woods
- Natalie Holcomb
- Randy Wade
- Dave Cramer
- Chris Collins
- Gehan Elsayed
- Perry Keller
- Rose Walker
- Everett Frazier
- Bill Robinson
- Sean Hill
- Shawna Goodwin
- Lieutenant Chris Zerkle
- Doug Kirk
- Alan Reed
- Jeff Miller
- Todd Rumbaugh
- Cindy Butler
- Leslie Adkins
- Arlie Matney
- Tony Clark
- Rob Pennington
- Jim Moore
- Vincent Allison
- Alanna Keller
- Cindy Cramer
- Rusty Marks
- Troy Morgan
- Lindsey Hanks
- Jason Hamilton
- Ryan Canfield
- Linda Ellis
- Michael Daley
- Scott Eplin
- Greg Pennington
- Jake Flatley
- Steve Conley

A motorcycle routes special with Randy and Jennifer and live guests recorded at Expo and Conferences.



Year in Review: WVDOT Districts

Reflect on 2022. (Cont)

District 9, CONTINUED

People think it is only about funding and paying for new pavement but in reality it requires numerous vendors to produce the asphalt, truck drivers to haul the asphalt, workers and equipment to place the asphalt and maintenance staff to replace the shoulder stone to complete the project; all of this during a nationwide shortage in equipment and workers. State forces and contractors all worked together to complete our District 9 paving program to the benefit of the citizens that use our roads.

Our Human Resource department has worked exceedingly hard to address staffing shortages throughout all of our departments. They coordinated with the Central Office Personnel Division in order to host three hiring events, advertise vacancies on social media and develop flyers to post in local establishments. One example of their effectiveness is their ability to successfully complete 24 hiring transactions from a hiring event in only two days. They successfully completed 107 transactions throughout the year to restaff our organizations. We recognize these new employees cannot be successful simply by walking in our doors so many district, central office, safety and equipment trainers coordinate to efficiently provide the necessary training to make these employees safe and productive as quickly as possible. Training continues by their Crew Leaders, senior staff and organizational supervisors. The addition of these great new employees has helped us to accomplish many of our goals.

In addition our staff were able to coordinate another successful Bridge Day at the New River Gorge National Park, assist District 10 with Z-way property acquisitions, complete industrial access road improvements for economic development in Monroe and Greenbrier county, and complete several other significant roadway and bridge projects throughout Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas and Summers counties.

District 9 is successful because of the dedication of every employee. Our staff understand their roles and take responsibility for producing quality work because they recognize the importance of safe roads and bridges for their families and friends. We do not work for 'our citizens'; we work for the people we love, our neighbors and our kids. All District 9 staff have the authority to approach others, even higher level supervisors, to get the information they need to successfully complete their assignments for the benefit of our highway

system.

The Division of Highways is a great place to work because of the improvements we make within our communities daily. The pay and benefits aren't shabby either. There are few places you can work with the security of knowing you will be getting a paycheck without the fear of layoffs, get several paid holidays, plus get paid when you go on vacation or get sick, and have a retirement income when your workdays are over. The dedicated staff throughout District 9 are world class and work together as a team to ensure we and our great state are successful.

Ryland Musick- District 10

District 10 has had a banner year in 2022! As we know, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) is now a maintenance-based organization, meaning that we focus our attention and efforts on the Core Maintenance Plan. This year, I am proud to report that our Maintenance Employee Team throughout the District completed 100% of its Pothole Patching, 84.15% of its Mowing, 100% of its Roadway Patching, and 91.58% of its Roadway Stabilization core maintenance activities. The Core Maintenance Plan has never been completed to this level in recent times. For this, I am so grateful and appreciative of what our Team has been able to accomplish. It has not been easy.

In addition to our Core Maintenance Plan, District 10 has completed our General Revenue Surplus Program for the second year. Conquering 42 projects totalling just over \$12.5 million on 163 different roads, the District used various techniques to accomplish this goal. As normal, we put the majority of this work out in Purchase Orders. Doing this type of work like this, though, did not help us to accomplish our goal. Contractor availability and capacity was reached and we were heading for a less than favorable result. District 10 needed some additional tools in the tool box. First, with the help of our partners in District 3, District 10 began paving smaller low-priority roads on our own. Second, with good communication and cooperation with our contractors, we worked together to help the contractors in completing the remaining projects. Important to note, we learned to think outside the box.

Next, District 10 has had a very notable year with respect to its Non Federal-Aid Program.



Year in Review: WVDOH

Districts Reflect on 2022. (Cont)

District 10, CONTINUED

Midway through 2022, District 10 was faced with flood repairs from its July flood, mainly in McDowell County. From bridge repairs and replacements to slips and slide repairs to guardrail, District 10 has performed greatly in our efforts of getting our Non Federal-Aid Program delivered.

All our success can be attributed to our people and our team. Our team here in District 10 works tirelessly each and every day and crosses any boundaries necessary to accomplish our work, our goals, and our responsibilities. We also do our best in District 10 to be a help for everyone, regardless of

District and Division. We are all in this together!!

The WVDOH is an awesome place to work right now. Our very strong Management Team believes in and promotes the Mission Statement of the WVDOH. They believe in our employees and trust the management at each level to carry out the Mission Statement. They have given us all of the resources and are always willing to listen and act on what we need to perform our jobs better each and every day. We, as employees, are being held accountable while being given every opportunity to excel and advance while delivering the Mission. Where else can this be found?

Road in front of WVU Tech Named for Longtime President

After more than a decade of leadership to West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech), Carolyn Long's presence at the Raleigh County campus will be felt long after she retires at the end of the year.

The road in front of the Beckley campus, WV 210, is now named President Carolyn Long Campus Drive. Long has been president at WVU Tech since January 2011 and is retiring in December.

The name change came following a Commissioner Order from Secretary of Transportation and Commissioner of Highways Jimmy Wriston, P.E., on Oct. 26, 2022.

The order reads, "WV 210, beginning at Milepost 1.69, being 0.08 miles north of Beaver Avenue and running north to Milepost 2.00, being 0.03 miles south of Howe Street, a total distance of 0.31 miles;

"To be named President Carolyn Long Campus Drive."

"The renaming the roadway within the limits of the school was our gesture to show our appreciation for the president, her



commitment to the school and her students," said Alanna Keller, P.E., Chief Engineer of Special Programs at the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT).

"A lot of people that work here at West Virginia DOT are former WVU Tech students."

Keller is one of those former WVU Tech students, along with Wriston. Keller graduated from the university when it was based in Montgomery.

"I don't necessarily have ties to the Beckley campus, but our hearts are always with West Virginia Tech, and we always want to see them do well," Keller said.

Long began her career in education in the 1970s as an elementary school teacher. She became the first female superintendent for Braxton County Schools before retiring in 2009.

According to WVU Tech, Long was appointed to the university's Board of Governors in early 2007 and served as the first female chair from 2008-2011.



Core Maintenance Has Banner Year

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) had a banner year for the completion of its core maintenance program.

Core maintenance is ditching, mowing, patching potholes and stabilization of gravel roads — all the things that go into making the state’s 36,000 miles of roadway last as long as possible. With a month left to go in the calendar year, WVDOH Chief Engineer of District Operations Joe Pack, P.E., said 2022 has been an extremely good year for completion of core maintenance activity.

“We’re seeing significant increases in our production,” Pack said. “Our pothole patching has done better than ever.”

In 2019, Gov. Jim Justice decided to put a special emphasis on highway maintenance, dedicating extra funding to core

maintenance and other programs to improve the condition of the state’s underfunded infrastructure.

The extra funding is paying off. So far this year, the WVDOH has completed the following core maintenance activities:

- Ditching — 8,844 miles.
- Mowing — 54,528 miles.
- Patching — 25,349 miles. WVDOH road crews completed 100 percent of their patching over the spring and summer, and are now on their second round of patching.
- Stabilization — 11,898 miles.

WVDPOT Finance Reporting Team Wins Federal Award

The Finance Reporting team in the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Carla Rotsch, the WVDOT Business Manager, said the recognition is a testament to the Financial Reporting team’s efforts. The team has been recognized by GFOA for over a decade.

“It shows their excellence in attention to detail,” Rotsch said. “We have a large agency, it’s a lot of information to be complied.

“I am very proud of them and what they do,” she said. “I simply support their effort. They do all the hard stuff.”

The team of Rotsch, Sandi Jones, Maxine Johnson, Kathy Whiting, and Natalie McGill gathered to receive the award recently.

The certificate recognizes the reporting for the fiscal year ending



June 30, 2021. The team submitted the reporting for the award in December 2021.

Rotsch said the Finance Reporting team works with the teams in payroll and right-of-way divisions to meet the criteria of the certificate. The certificate is known as the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial

reporting

According to the GFOA, the certificate was established in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Jones, the Highway Accountant Auditor Senior, said, “It feels good to receive this award. It’s a benchmark, something we want to achieve every year. We would feel it would be unacceptable to not receive it.”



Cancer Survivor Stresses Importance of Early Detection

Dianne Carpenter, Office Assistant II in the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) District 4, has dealt with breast cancer this year and wanted to share her story to prompt others, both women and men, to realize that early detection can save their lives.

Carpenter said she has done mammograms every year since 2012 and has lived by the saying, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

In 2021, her annual mammogram was clear with no problems. In August, she went to her doctor’s appointment, a regular checkup, and the doctor found a mass.

“I was scared,” Carpenter said. “I was thinking the whole time, I should have been doing self-checks a little better because I might have been able to find it a few months before my doctors did.”

Carpenter credited her doctors for their quick action. The mass was found on August 9 and between that date and August 19, she had a diagnostic mammogram, diagnostic ultrasound and biopsies. On August 19, the results showed five masses. Three of the five were malignant. Two were Invasive Ductal Carcinoma and one was Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS).

On October 22, Carpenter underwent a 5-hour unilateral mastectomy at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. She waited for the results for three weeks following surgery.

“All that time waiting after my surgery was the most difficult thing of the whole process. The results came back, and it said my margins were clear and my lymph nodes were clear,” she said.

“That means I do not have metastatic cancer. We caught this very early.”

Carpenter is already back at work in District 4. She said she has

spent time talking with coworkers around multiple districts – both men and women -- about the importance of self-checks and mammograms.

“Being back here, this is the best medicine in the world,” Carpenter said. “We’re tight here at District 4. I have a great group that I work with.”

Carpenter said she does not have to go through chemotherapy or radiation. She will take a hormone blocker daily for the next five to 10 years.

She said she will continue to see her oncologist every two months for the next two to three years and, he will continue to monitor her health with scans and bloodwork. She also said she will undergo a couple of reconstructive surgeries in the coming months.

“I am blessed that my cancer was caught early and dealt with very quickly. I thank God for seeing me through,” she said.



High Praise for District 4 Manager Mike Daley

To: Jimmy D. Wriston

Hello Sir,

I am writing to you today to recognize the outstanding job that Mike Daley is doing in District 4. I have been an employee for the Division of Highways for almost 19 years. And, as in many jobs, we go through many ups and downs. I have seen many District Managers/Engineers come and go through the years, which is also common with high level positions. We learn to adjust and continue to move along just waiting for another replacement. We adjust, and continue to do our jobs to the best of our ability.

But something changed this time, something that I have never encountered before as a Division of Highways employee. Mike Daley showed up and right from the beginning, I had heard good things about him, but I thought maybe this is just a first impression to show his best face. In my Job, I investigate accident sites and recover money through CMR's which helps bring money back to the DOH, which in turn saves taxpayers money. I cover a huge area and I talk to a lot of DOH workers, from county garages, interstate garages, district offices, and all the little sub stations along the way. In previous years I would stop in to the DOH facilities and get to know the great men and women. I would try to build a good relationship and in return they would help notify me of damaged sites in their area that may need fixed or replaced. During these stops I would ask how they were doing and ask how things were going in general. What I would find out when talking to these men and women was this. I would ask, how do you like the new District Manager/Engineer,

and in almost every instance they would say, "What do they look like or who is it?" I would usually just laugh it off, but also I would think hopefully our District Manager will get to know these people.

Fast forward to now. I have been asking the same questions that I have in the past, but NOW the answer is different. These are the responses I am getting: "He knows my name!" "He really cares about us." "I had a 10-minute conversation with Mike and got more accomplished than in five years." "Can you believe he stopped and helped load trucks during a snowstorm? Who does that!"

Finally, we have a great leader; finally we have someone who cares. And finally we have a guy that treats you as a person. I know in this day and age it's so easy to complain and jump on the bandwagon. It's so much more fun to report bad news. I'm a very optimistic person and I try to look for the good in everybody, it has been hard to find it over the last several years, but I believe we have found it in District 4, thanks to Mike Daley.

Thank you for your time, and I know that this is probably your 800th email for the day, but I wanted you to know that something positive was happening in District 4.

Sincerely,

Larry J Bush Jr.

Not the First Rodeo

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) participants in the 2022 Southeast Regional Rodeo, Baton Rouge, LA.:

FRONT: (left to right) John Garrett, D1; Travis Eye, D8; Ernest Lee Moore, D1; Michael Simpson, D8; Mark Cain, D5; Chance Swecker, D8.

BACK: (left to right) Alan Roth, D8; Bryant Jenkins, D4; Michael Duncan, D5; Rick Carpenter, D8; Sam Criss, D7; James Soles, D6.



Kind Words for Our Contracting friend: Mike Clowser Retiring

A familiar face and fixture in transportation construction is retiring at the end of December.

Transportation Secretary and Commissioner of Highways Jimmy Wriston, P.E., says Contractors Association of West Virginia (CAWV) Executive Director Mike Clowser will be missed when Clowser leaves his post at the end of the year.

Clowser has 44 years of service with CAWV. The association plays an integral part in working with its members and the DOT to develop road projects.

“Mike has been a fixture in transportation construction for decades and decades now. You just cannot imagine someone as dedicated,” Wriston said.

“Mike has always been a person that we can work through issues with and find good common ground to where the state’s best interest from our view was met.”

Wriston said that Clowser helped get the right people in the construction industry to the table whenever a problem would arise. For example, Wriston said when the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) had issues getting projects closed in a reasonable amount of time, Clowser would help gather a group of officials and tackle the problem to ensure both sides were in a good place.

Clowser has spent his whole career building up West Virginia contractors, according to Wriston.

“He’s been an advocate and supporter of in-state contractors, more so than anybody else. He has pulled contractors from out of the state into West Virginia to work and some of them end up becoming members,” Wriston said.

Wriston also complimented Clowser’s knowledge of how things work including government and the legislative process.

“He knew how we can lobby the legislature for things in our best interest and how we approach presenting that,” Wriston said.

Wriston is confident in the WVDOT’s working relationship with CAWV moving forward without Clowser. Jason Pizatella has assumed the role of chief executive officer. Pizatella has spent the past five years as an attorney with the West Virginia-based firm Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC.

“I have a lot of faith in Jason Pizatella. I have known Jason for a long time. Jason is well-qualified and knowledgeable. Jason also knows how government works,” Wriston said.

Clowser joined the CAWV as director of member services in 1979 and became executive director in 1983.

Dooley Noted: As We Look Into the New Year

New Year’s may be one of the best holidays ever because, while celebrating a collection of 365 precious days we just lived, we are given the beginning of a whole new year to make the best of.

As we look into 2023, we know there will be victories. Every groundbreaking is a victory because we have made it through planning, environmental considerations, funding sources... and every ribbon cutting is a victory because we’ve handing the results of our efforts to a community; they will use what we have done to continue to grow.

At WVDOT, we are continuous effort. It’s not just what we do, it’s what we are. We keep obligations to our agency and to the people of our state. We’re loyal, resourceful and kind — because those are traits that run throughout West Virginia. We built our way to where we are and now it’s our starting place. Happy New Year! Our sleeves are already rolled up, so here’s to what we’ll accomplish next.



WV DOT Recognized by WVU Tech for Summer Co-Op Program

Faculty and engineering students at WVU Tech recognized the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) at the Annual American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter Technical Conference in Beckley.

"The award was to recognize the West Virginia Division of Highway's partnership with Tech

and the great Co-Op program, where we provide engineering students with a working experience during the summer to give them real world engineering experience," said West Virginia Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E.

When Gov. Jim Justice rolled out his \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity highway maintenance and construction program in 2017, it created the immediate need for thousands of transportation workers, engineers, equipment operators, bridge inspectors, administrators, and others who would be needed to bring the Governor's vision to fruition.

Knowing those workers would be needed – and needed fast –



the WVDOT worked closely with Gov. Justice and the West Virginia Legislature to pass a law allowing the WVDOT to develop its own job posting, interviewing, and hiring procedures. The new hiring procedures revolutionized the WVDOT's ability to get job applicants on the job quickly and efficiently.

The WVDOT summer Co-Op program is one of the ways the WVDOT can fill some of those positions. The program is open to qualified college students who are pursuing their bachelor's degrees. The WVDOT actively seeks co-ops from colleges and universities all over the country, including WVU Tech, Marshall University, West Virginia University, Virginia Tech, Carnegie Mellon University and others.

Participants in the summer Co-Op program get paid to work for WVDOT, where they gain real world experience and learn how the WVDOT works. Many who start as summer co-ops decide to pursue a career with the WVDOT.

Live. In Person. It's the 2023 West Virginia Bridge Design & Build Contest!

The 22nd annual West Virginia Design & Build Contest is going back to a live and in-person event following two years of virtual contests due to COVID-19.

The contest, sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Highways, (WVDOH) BridgeWalk, West Virginia Department of Education, and WVU Tech in Beckley, pits middle school and high school students against one another to see who can design the best bridge, using standardized design software. Finalists will also build a scale model of their bridge to see how much force the model will stand before collapsing.

"We're really looking forward to getting back to an in-person final competition this year," said West Virginia State Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E. "At the final event, we honor the students, teachers, parents, younger sisters and brothers --

all these people who work together to help students be successful. We're looking forward to working with the colleges again this year and helping young West Virginians bridge that gap from school into rewarding careers with West Virginia Department of Transportation."

The contest is designed to encourage Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and inspire tomorrow's engineers, today.

Students have until Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to register, download their bridge design software and submit their bridge design.

To register, download bridge design software, or find out more about the contest, visit <https://wvbridgedesignandbuildcontest.com>.





Socks are the No. 1 clothing need of those experiencing homelessness, and this holiday season, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) can help. Kelley McClanahan, Training and Development Specialist Senior, is overseeing the **WVDOT Christmas Sock Drive**, an annual event she has organized for years.

People living on the streets rarely take their shoes off. They often walk and don't always have laundry facilities at close reach. They also may lack resources to buy well-fitting, adequate footwear, and in some cases, don't have access to footwear at all. Blisters and frostbite are two of the most common resulting conditions.

Those interested in helping can deliver their sock donations to the Human Resources Division, 4th floor, Building 5, through Monday, Dec. 19, 2022.



Hey Jimmy,

I wanted to let you know that I had a great experience at the Winfield DMV Office last Thursday.

Sadly, I forgot the nice lady's name, but she was at Window #7 around 4:00 p.m. She was extremely helpful, and knew where the error was in my registration, fixing it pretty quickly.

Anyway, your crew there was great.

Edward A. "Ted" Diaz, Veterans Assistance Secretary

VISION AWARDS

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

Teresa Pickett—District 2

Brittany Facemyer—DMV

Jonathan Clark—District 2

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.



Jeff Miller Named to Board of International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) has elected West Virginia Parkways Authority Director Jeff Miller as an IBTTA Director for a four-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Miller joins the 2023 IBTTA Board of Directors, which also includes six officers and 19 other directors from agencies and tolling operators from around the world.



can define how they view our state. I am honored to be considered a leader within this industry and will continue to promote the good things that are occurring in the state of West Virginia and on the West Virginia Turnpike.”

“It is a great honor to be recognized by my industry peers and elected to the IBTTA Board of Directors,” Miller said. “This association is the premier organization in terms of advocacy, education, networking, and new technology for the tolling industry.

“The West Virginia Turnpike is not only a major asset to the state of West Virginia but is also recognized as a very well maintained and efficient operation within the tolling industry,” Miller said. “I am very proud to lead this organization on behalf of the state of West Virginia. We have millions of people travel our road every year and their experience on the WV Turnpike

The IBTTA is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in 23 countries on six continents. Through advocacy, leadership and education, members are implementing state-of-the-art, innovative user-based transportation financing solutions to address the critical infrastructure challenges of the 21st Century.

The IBTTA Board of Directors sets the strategic direction of the association, approves the association outcomes to be accomplished, and assures that the resources necessary for the achievement of desired outcomes are available and used efficiently.

Kudos to WVDOT District I

Good Morning.

I just had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. Robert Judy of Boone County.

Mr. Judy simply wanted to let the Governor know the great job that Boone County forces are performing throughout the county. He said that the Boone County DOH office always takes the calls of the citizens and treats them in a nice and courteous way.

Mr. Judy explained that they are all doing a wonderful job as a whole, but he also wanted to commend specifically, "Mr. Stowers and Mr. Baker." He believes that one is the county supervisor and the other is the assistant supervisor. He stated that both gentlemen are very good to deal with and they are very professional and courteous as well. They are doing a

wonderful job throughout the county, and he wanted the Governor to know.

I just wanted to share as an FYI.

--Jason Williams, Director of Constituent Services, Office of Governor Jim Justice

I want to thank you for making arrangements for the trash and litter clean up on I-79 South between Elkview and almost to Charleston. It looked so terrible and the cleanup is a great improvement. I organize the adopt a highway on Coopers Creek and appreciate your help in keeping the interstates litter free.

--Teresa Koon