

TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation and workforce are tightly intertwined.

It is important to have efficient transportation and infrastructure to attract and maintain employers and facilitate the movement of goods and people. Investment is needed to maintain and repair older roads and infrastructure and to build new infrastructure and roads.

Lack of transportation can be a barrier for potential workers to enter the workforce. Currently there are no statistics regarding the number of potential workers who are sidelined by inadequate transportation to the workplace. If we don't measure it then we have no way of knowing the impact.

- Drivers' licenses are very important for workers. They can be lost and expensive to recover. A simple DUI fine can be \$300 for a first offense, but can be as high as \$5,000 which creates a vicious circle. Without a driver's license it can be difficult or impossible to get a job to pay off the DUI charges.
- A flexible transportation system that can accommodate mass transit in cities and transportation for those in rural areas is needed.

The Gas Tax

- PA's gas tax at \$.58 per gallon is the second highest in the U.S. after California.
- The gas tax should be reviewed and updated for several reasons one of which is making sure electric vehicles pay their fair share. A second is the need to figure out how to replace PA's high gas tax with other revenue, understanding tolling is not acceptable.