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CONGRESSMAN SESTAK SECURES \$700,000 FOR US ROUTE 422 SCHUYLKILL RIVER CROSSING COMPLEX

GVF is pleased that Congressman Sestak was able to secure \$700,000 for continued funding of the US Route 422 Schuylkill River Crossing Complex.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the counties of Chester and Montgomery, as well as the adjacent municipalities, is developing two projects to remedy problems related to US 422 in the Schuylkill River crossing area.

These projects are:

- Modernization of the PA 23/US 422 Interchange with the relocation of North Gulph Rd. Improvements of the PA 363/US 422 Interchange with new ramps to and from US 422 west of the interchange as well as widening of US 422 from US 202 through the PA 363 Interchange.

To view a map of the Schuylkill River Crossing Complex, visit <http://www.gvftma.com/> once there click on Major Projects and then River Crossing Complex.

The \$700,000 was passed in an omnibus package, which is the bill that funds the nation's education, transportation and Veterans affairs agencies.

"This project addresses a critical need for local and regional transportation and economic development by reducing the daily congestion on US 422, which ranks among the worst in the region," said Congressman Sestak. "The Federal funding is key to timely development and construction of the project, helping to meet basic transportation safety and mobility goals for the driving public."

GVF's Executive Director Rob Henry agreed with the Congressman's comments.

"We are very appreciative of the Congressman's continued support of the Route 422 River Crossing Complex project. Without this funding, we would not be able to continue the work on one of the most congested highways in Southeastern Pennsylvania," Henry said. Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

Pennsylvania Reports Record Low Number of Highway Deaths in 2009

The number of fatalities on Pennsylvania highways in 2009 dropped to 1,256, the lowest number since recordkeeping began in 1928, according to PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E.

The previous low was 1,328 in 1944; in 2008 the commonwealth saw 1,468 traffic fatalities.

"I'm extremely pleased that the partnership among PennDOT, law enforcement and other safety partners is playing a role in reducing the number of lives lost on Pennsylvania's roadways," Biehler said

According to PennDOT's preliminary numbers, significant decreases were noted in unrestrained, alcohol-related and aggressive driving fatalities. Unrestrained fatalities decreased from 567 in 2008 to 451 in 2009. Alcohol-related fatalities dropped from 531 in 2008 to 442 last year. Deaths attributed to aggressive driving dropped to 130, down from 141 in 2008.

PennDOT distributed \$11 million in federal funding last year for aggressive- and impaired-driving enforcement. With the funding, 396 police departments conducted aggressive driving enforcement efforts statewide. Additionally, more than 600 police departments conducted 3,000 impaired-driving enforcement operations. Overall, nearly 12,000 low-cost improvements have been made statewide since 2000.

"Unfortunately, many of the fatalities we see every year could be prevented if people would follow some simple rules: always wear seat belts, never drink and drive and obey the speed limit," Biehler said. "Those are the points we try to make in our education efforts."



GVF WELCOMES NEW PARTNER WERNER COACH

GVF is pleased to announce that Werner Coach, Inc. has joined the list of 100-plus partners dedicated to decreasing congestion and increasing mobility throughout the region.

Werner Coach is located in Phoenixville, and has been in business for more than 70 years. Werner Coach supplies 53 and 47 passenger Motor coaches, as well as 33 passenger mini-busses for travel throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond. Werner enjoys the reputation of being one of the premier Motorcoach operators in the Philadelphia Metropolitan area. Werner operates a modern fleet of Motor coaches featuring reclining seats, two-way radio communication, restrooms, air conditioning and many are equipped with video systems. For more information about Werner Coach, visit www.wernercoach.com.

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