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**FYI**

**TRAFFIC – WHAT’S THE DELAY** – The Hourglass hosted a public forum on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Franklin and Marshall College featuring Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation, Allen Biehler and Walter Kulash, a traffic-consultant from Orlando, Florida. The [forum presentation](#) is now available on the Hourglass website. [Listen](#) to what they say about building our way out of congestion and how traffic will affect the future of Pennsylvania and Lancaster.

**TOLL ROAD PRIVATIZATION MAY RESULT IN INDIRECT IMPACTS** - Privatizing toll roads in the U.S. may result in **significant diversions of truck traffic** from privatized toll roads to "free" roads, and may result in **more crashes and increased costs associated with use of other roads**, according to a new [study](#).

The study was conducted by [Peter Swan of Penn State – Harrisburg](#) and Michael Belzer of [Wayne State University](#) will present the findings of their [study](#), "*Empirical Evidence of Toll Road Traffic Diversion and Implications for Highway Infrastructure Privatization*"

The [study](#) used data from the State of Ohio, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Ohio Turnpike to predict annual Turnpike truck vehicle miles traveled, and therefore diverted vehicle miles, based on National truck traffic and Turnpike rates. The researchers then compared estimated truck traffic diverted from the Turnpike to truck traffic on Ohio road segments on possible substitute routes.

**GOVERNOR RENDELL HELPS CREATE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP** - Jessica Bair, Central Penn Business Journal reports that [Gov. Ed Rendell](#) has joined forces with the [Governor of California](#) and the [Mayor of New York](#) to create the **Building America's Future Coalition**.

The non-partisan group, which will be **composed of state and local elected officials**, will **support investments in federal-transportation infrastructure**. The organization will perform analysis and offer opinions on emerging infrastructure issues. It also will work closely with associations that represent these officials, including the [National Governors Association](#).

**National infrastructure needs amount to roughly \$1.6 trillion over a five-year period**, according to a 2005 study performed by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

New York-based [The Rockefeller Foundation](#) has committed an undisclosed sum to support staffing and resources for the coalition, according to a press release from Rendell's office. The foundation supports finding solutions to society's urgent problems

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SMART TRANSPORTATION** – Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. [For more information.](#)

**TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT** – Wednesday, February 20, 2008 – 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center – Sponsored by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. For more information contact Donna Hahn by calling 717-299-8333 or via Email: [hahn@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:hahn@co.lancaster.pa.us)

**HELP UPDATE LANCASTER COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN**  
[Take a 5 minute online survey](#)

**HOURGLASS CITY REVITALIZATION FORUM – The Secrets of Charleston's Success**  
**JOSEPH P. RILEY, Jr.**  
Mayor of Charleston, SC  
March 6, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Liberty Place Theater** – [Mayor Riley](#) is widely recognized as one of the most visionary and highly effective governmental leaders in America. He is a leading expert in urban design and livability issues. [For more information.](#)

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