

Corbett Nominates Barry Schoch as Secretary of Transportation

Governor Tom Corbett has nominated Barry Schoch to be the Commonwealth's next Secretary of Transportation. Schoch received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Penn State University and is currently a Vice President at McCormick Taylor, Inc., where he serves as the transportation engineering manager of their Harrisburg office.



Schoch

"Barry brings more than 28 years of experience in planning and developing transportation systems," Corbett said of Schoch. "He possesses a strong understanding of PennDOT policies, procedures and partners and will provide a wealth of transportation expertise to the administration."

Schoch also serves as President of the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association; Chair of Transportation Committee – American Consulting Engineers Council of Pennsylvania; Transportation Chair – Design Professionals Coalition; and a member of the Delaware Transportation Trust Fund Task Force. Corbett indicated that Schoch serves these committees particularly in the area of transportation finance and that he is a frequent speaker at transportation planning and finance conferences and discusses the relationship of future transportation finance with changing energy and technology.

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CORBETT SWORN IN AS 46TH PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR, Budget Address March 8th



Tom Corbett was sworn-in as the 46th governor of Pennsylvania on January 18th. In his first address as governor, Corbett focused on issues such as the size and cost of government and a desire to reform the business of law making in the Commonwealth. "We must act to renew the people's trust in government," Corbett said. "We must restore transparency, accountability and fiscal discipline. But we will move forward with government and legislative reform because, without it, there is no good government." Corbett is expected to be more specific on transportation issues during his formal budget address on March 8th.

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30th Anniversary of the Staggers Act

This past October marked the 30th Anniversary of the passage of the Staggers Act of 1980. This important legislation removed a vast and tangled regulatory system that was causing many railroads to fail. Without it, the so called "Rail Renaissance" might not have ever happened. Back then, the railroad industry was on the brink of disaster, many were operating in bankruptcy, safety was deteriorating and tracks and equipment were literally falling apart because railroads couldn't afford the repairs. Today railroads are safer, more affordable, fuel efficient and environmentally friendlier because of this deregulation legislation. It created an environment where the industry could reinvest billions of dollars in our nation's rail infrastructure while providing quality jobs and most importantly a reliable, affordable, eco-friendly transportation resource to industries and business' in the United States. As some in Washington DC are discussing how to re-regulate our industry, its important to remember how balanced regulation like the Staggers Act provide the right path for our industry to be able to meet the growing demands placed on our nation's transportation system.

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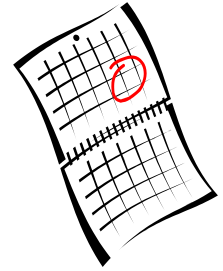
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April 26, 2011	KSRRA Spring Board Meeting & PA Rail Day on the Hill	Harrisburg, PA
April 27, 2011	RFAC Meeting	Harrisburg, PA
April 30—May 3, 2011	ASLRRRA Annual Convention	San Antonio, TX
May 17-19, 2011	2011 PA Rail Freight Seminar	Harrisburg, PA
July 14, 2011	ASLRRRA Rail Day on Capitol Hill	Washington, DC



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