

TRIP Report: PA Traffic Fatalities up Except in Work Zones – APC Notes AWZSE is Working

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The number and rate of U.S. traffic fatalities surged in 2020 and 2021 and decreased slightly in 2022 from the previous year, but remained at a high level as vehicle travel returned to near pre-pandemic levels. This is according to a report released today by TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit, entitled Addressing America's Traffic Safety Crisis: Examining the Causes of Increasing U.S. Traffic Fatalities and Identifying Solutions to Improve Road User Safety.

"While Pennsylvania has seen increased fatalities statewide, the number of crashes occurring in work zones over the same time period has actually declined following the enactment of Act 86 in 2018, which brought automated speed enforcement technology to work zones," said Associated Pennsylvania Constructors Executive Vice President Robert Latham. "It's crucial that this legislation is reauthorized as we approach the end of its five-year pilot program in February to combat the upward trend of unsafe driving behaviors we're seeing across the state."

• Read full report here.

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