

# Coleman and PennDOT Announce Route 22 Safety Corridor Designation

By Leo Knepper

HARRISBURG – Sen. Jarrett Coleman (R-16) announced today that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is designating U.S. Route 22 from the Interstate 78 split in Lehigh County to the PA 33 interchange in Northampton County as a safety corridor.

“It seems like every day there’s another accident on Route 22. My constituents are always mentioning this concern to me. As a lifelong resident of Lehigh County, I have personally witnessed accidents on Route 22 causing injuries and creating traffic delays. I know Route 22 is horrific during rush hour and any time there’s been a crash, and I wanted to do something about it,” Coleman said.

After Coleman’s election in 2022, he spoke to PennDOT officials about the number of accidents involving heavy trucks on this stretch of highway, and he sent them a letter last year specifically requesting more safety measures.

“I appreciate that PennDOT analyzed the crash data and reached the same conclusion that everyone in the Lehigh Valley did,” Coleman said. “While long-term infrastructure improvements are absolutely needed, this safety corridor designation will immediately bring new signage and increased traffic enforcement to Route 22. Motorists may see signs going up already.”

“Safety on Pennsylvania roadways is always a top priority to PennDOT,” PennDOT District 5 Executive Christopher Kufro said. “As one of the most important arterial roadways in the Lehigh Valley, reducing crashes on U.S. 22 will not only save lives but also decrease congestion. This safety corridor designation is another tool to reach that goal.”

According to PennDOT regulations, a safety corridor is “targeted for the application of signs, increased levels of enforcement and increased penalties specifically for the purpose of eliminating or reducing unsafe driver behaviors that are known to result in crashes and fatalities.”

## FAKE IS REAL

By Btittney Waylen


Bethlehem, PA – County Executive Lamont G. McClure invites you to attend a special press conference this Friday, commemorating the second anniversary of the Fake Is Real; fentanyl awareness campaign. This significant event will highlight the accomplishments and achievements of the campaign, as well as unveil RISE (Recover Initiatives Supporting Everyone), a vital new program aimed at supporting individuals in recovery.

County Executive McClure will be joined by Kelly Primus, Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Northampton County District Attorney, Stephen Barratta, and Kathy Jiorle, Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Administrator, who will share their insights and support for this initiative.


“Two years ago, we launched the “FAKE IS REAL” campaign to shine a light on the dangers of fentanyl and to support those struggling with addiction,” said County Executive McClure. “As we celebrate our accomplishments, we also acknowledge that our work is far from over. The unveiling of RISE represents our continued commitment to providing resources and support for recovery in our community.”

Following the press conference, there will be an open house from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to provide the opportunity to tour the new mobile outreach van, an essential resource for the community’s recovery initiatives.

Join us as we reflect on two years of impactful work in battling the fentanyl crisis and unveil new resources designed to support recovery in Northampton County. Your presence will help amplify the message of awareness and recovery as we strive to make a positive difference in our community.



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