

Northampton County Donates 2018 Dodge Van to Greater Shiloh Church to Support Community Initiatives

By Jessica Berger

[Northampton County, PA] – The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is proud to announce the donation of a 2018 Dodge Van 5749 to the Greater Shiloh Church. This generous gift underscores the county's commitment to enhancing community resources and providing essential services to its residents.

The van, previously utilized by Children and Youth Family Services (CYF), had exceeded its lifecycle and was fully depreciated according to CYF's operational policy. Recognizing the value of giving back to the community that originally funded the vehicle, Northampton County has decided to repurpose the van, ensuring it continues to serve the residents of the county and those in need.

Funding for this donation was made possible through a grant from DCED, which utilized Community Development Block Grant administrative funds to cover the CYF reimbursement.

"We are thrilled to see this van continue its journey of service within our community," said County Executive Lamont G. McClure; "The Greater Shiloh Church has a proven track record of supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and providing vital resources. We are excited to see the positive impact this van will have for years to come."

The Greater Shiloh Church plans to use the van primarily to transport guests to its warming shelter, which provides a safe and welcoming refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness. The warming shelter offers essential services, including shelter, meals, showers, and access to vital resources that help individuals get back on their feet.

Additionally, the church is exploring opportunities to use the van to assist residents of Shiloh Manor through its food pantry partnership, allowing them to expand their outreach and enhance services for those in need.

The Northampton County DCED is proud to support initiatives that foster community growth and well-being. This donation is a testament to the county's ongoing commitment to improving the lives of its residents and ensuring that no one is left behind.

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Shapiro Administration Invests \$468 Million to Maintain and Improve Municipalities' Roads and Bridges

By Alexis Campbell

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced its investment of \$468 million help municipalities across the Commonwealth maintain their roads and bridges. These investments, which come from state gas tax revenues, help municipalities pay for things like snow removal and road repaving. Investing these funds directly in our local communities supports Governor Shapiro's commitment to a transportation network that puts our people to work, strengthens our businesses, and improves our quality of life.

"Our roads and bridges are vital to connecting Pennsylvanians with services and opportunity," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "Investments in municipal roads and bridges is a top priority for this administration and are critical to maintaining safe and connected communities."

There are nearly 121,000 miles of public roads in Pennsylvania. Over 2,500 municipalities manage approximately 78,000 miles of roadway and more than 6,600 bridges. Under this administration, more poor-condition bridges were repaired than any other state in the nation and more miles of roadway were improved than any time in the past decade.

"With township and local governments responsible for two-thirds of Pennsylvania's road miles, we recognize the critical role of liquid fuels funding in maintaining our roadways. However, as vehicles are more fuel-efficient, these funds are diminishing, so we are optimistic for the EV fee implementation to be successful and the additional revenue they will bring to our local governments," said PSATS Executive Director David Sanko. "We appreciate PennDOT's recognition of local governments as essential partners in the Commonwealth's transportation network and look forward to continuing our collaboration with PennDOT and the General Assembly to find innovative solutions, ensuring our roads remain smooth, safe, and ready for future journeys."

"The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs commends the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for recognizing borough governments as important participants in the statewide transportation network. These liquid fuels allocations are an essential funding component for preserving this vast network of locally maintained roads, which are so vital to the continued economic viability of this Commonwealth," said PSAB Executive Director Chris Cap. "Borough communities across Pennsylvania will continue to maintain our portion of the local transportation network and we highly value our exceptional relationship with PennDOT."

In addition to this distribution, local officials can take advantage of several options to help improve their infrastructure. For example, counties can implement a \$5 fee for each vehicle registered to an address within the county and use the funds to help maintain their roads and bridges. Currently, 24 counties have implemented this fee and \$293.8 million has been collected and distributed.

Additionally, local governments may apply for low-interest loans from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank, which helps fund and accelerate transportation projects as well as spur economic development.



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