

# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

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## ANNUAL REPORT

2011

As Chairman of the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), I am pleased to present the Annual Report for TAC Activities occurring in 2011. This report is a succinct recollection of events that have transpired in the past year and are recognized as achievements TAC has accomplished and includes the studies completed in the current year and our meeting held at the Harrisburg International Airport.

Throughout the year, the TAC has exhibited diligence in maintaining active discussions on key issues related to transportation in the Commonwealth. The information reports generated by our membership have consistently offered objective analyses and constructive solutions. On October 18, 2011, Dennis Lebo, Brian Funkhouser, and I had the opportunity to present some of the committee's products at the Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) Conference in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Drawing upon the background information contained in two of our studies, *Financial Needs of Counties and Municipalities for Highways and Bridges*, and the *Transportation Funding Study*, the good work of TAC proved to be informative and timely in examining needs and potential solutions for transportation funding.

I want to personally thank everyone for their hard work and support in advancing the mission of TAC.

*Louis C. Schultz, Jr.*



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## TAC STUDIES

**Future Directions of Transportation in Pennsylvania (January 2011)**

**Evaluating the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program (ARLE) (October 2011)**

**Financial Needs of Counties and Municipalities for Highways and Bridges (December 2011)**

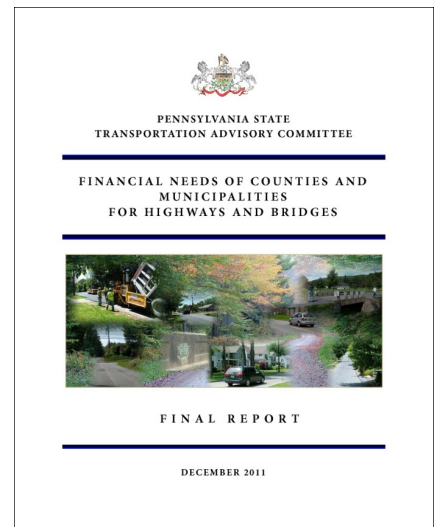
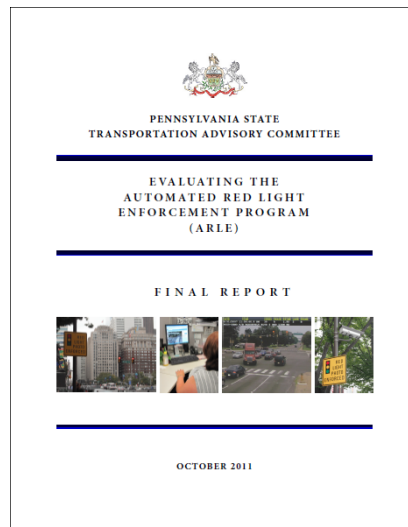
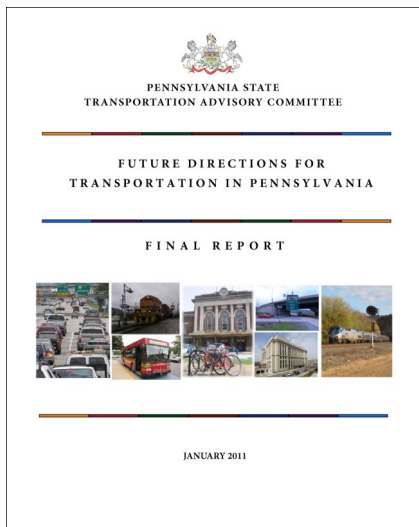
In January, the study, *Future Directions for Transportation in Pennsylvania* was published. This document provided a brief overview of the critical transportation challenges and opportunities related to transportation that Pennsylvania will face over the next decade. The TAC focused on PennDOT organizationally as the lead transportation entity in the Commonwealth and recommended a major initiative to develop a long-range funding strategy for transportation over the next decade and beyond.

The *Automated Red Light Enforcement Program*, or ARLE is a recent program aimed at enhancing motorist and pedestrian safety through improved technology and operations. In 2002, Philadelphia became the only Pennsylvania city authorized to operate an ARLE program. Current legislation authorizing red light enforcement in Philadelphia expires on December 31, 2011. The Review Team performed an objective analysis of the Philadelphia program and provided recommendations as to whether such a program could be sustained statewide.

The TAC performed the study, *Financial Needs of Counties and Municipalities of Highways and Bridges* to better understand the needs and requirements of the system of local roads and bridges in relation to the financing of the system. This was the most comprehensive analysis of the local system that has ever been conducted.

**Full TAC Reports are available at the following website:**

<ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/pdf/STCTAC/TAC/TAC%20Reports.pdf>



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TAC Quarterly Business Meeting - Thursday, April 14, 2011

Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) in Middletown, Pennsylvania



TAC held five business meetings throughout the year. Of particular interest was the April 14, 2011 meeting that was held at the Harrisburg International Airport (HIA). TAC members and guests went on a walking tour of the airport which included a demonstration of the baggage screening process and a view of the FedEx cargo distribution center.

The TAC business meeting followed the walking tour and was held in the HIA boardroom. The meeting included several TAC and Department reports and also featured a presentation on the *Airport Hazard Zoning Implementation Project* from a representative of PennDOT's Bureau of Aviation.

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