



# Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



### Pa. Turnpike Commission laying off 500+ Teamsters, making all-electronic tolling permanent

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commissions unanimously approved a measure on June 2, 2020 that will **permanently layoff** 500+ Teamsters, primarily fare collection-related, effective June 18. The Commission will permanently adopt AET (all electronic tolling) operations. This impacts our Brothers and Sisters represented by Teamsters Local No. 77 and Teamsters Local No. 250.

The turnpike was set to move to cash-free tolling within two years and expected to shed 500 positions within that time. Although numerous toll roads returned to cash collection, the Pennsylvania Turnpike is using the COVID-19 pandemic as the primary reason, they will be implementing AET effective June 18, 2020 on a permanent basis.

The Teamsters have been an integral part The Pennsylvania Turnpike for many decades, greeting and providing directions to motorists and truckers 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, when asked.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike officially entered service October 1, 1940.

The PA Conference of Teamsters has been working with Teamsters Local No. 77 and Teamsters Local No. 250 for several years in an attempt to stop or stall all electronic tolling. The Conference will continue to monitor the situation and assist these locals in whatever way we can. Affiliates of the PA Conference, if called upon by these impacted locals, could advise these locals should employment opportunities become available in any of the various companies that the PA Conference of Teamsters affiliates represent.

Additionally, some employers in the trucking industry may have training programs available, coupled with the possibility of the state extending tuition reimbursement, this could give laid-off Teamsters and opportunity to get a CDL and training to be an over-the-road driver, if any laid-off Teamster may show interest in this type of employment.