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Congressman Donald Payne Hosts Port Community Roundtable



**Bi-State President
Jeff Bader and
Rep. Donald Payne**

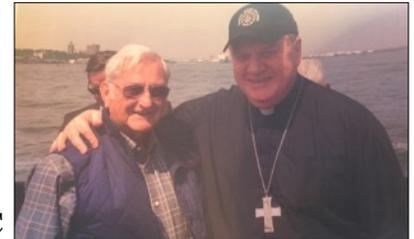
U.S. Congressman Donald Payne hosted a roundtable discussion at his Newark office on June 18, inviting representatives from the NY/NJ port community to participate. The goal of the meeting was to share information and perspectives relating to the port, and its impact on the region. Attendees included Bi-State President Jeff Bader, NYSA President John Nardi, PANYNJ Port Director Molly Campbell, Assistant Port Director Bethann Rooney, Executive Director Ed Kelly of the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ, and others.



“The Bi-State is committed to keeping the lines of communication open with our elected officials,” said Association President Jeff Bader. “We appreciate Rep. Payne’s ongoing support for the port transportation community, and look forward to working with him on innovative ideas to maintain and grow the vitality of the district.”

Cardinal Tobin Celebrates Mass, Blesses Port of NY & NJ

For the second year in a row, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, celebrated Holy Mass and bestowed a blessing upon the Port of NY & NJ. The event, hosted by Stella Maris Chapel, was held on June 8, 2018, aboard a vessel provided by the Sandy Hook Pilots Association.



**Bi-State Executive Director
Dick Jones with His Eminence
Cardinal Joseph Tobin**

Father John Corbett of Stella Maris Chapel welcomed the Cardinal, who was installed as the Archbishop in Newark on January 6, 2017. Parishioners of SMC and many members of the port community attended in support of this special event, including Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones. Music was provided by Ria Music Ministry.

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In Memoriam: Ronald E. Flynn



Ron Flynn
11/27/31 - 05/20/18

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ronald E. Flynn on May 20, 2018. Ron was a Founding Member of the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers, and was the first to serve as Treasurer.

Ron was born on November 27, 1931 in Jersey City, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1949. He served with honor and was the recipient of a Good Conduct Medal.

Ron was the founder and owner of Richmond Express Company, a family-owned and operated import/export trucking business that operated in Port Elizabeth from 1972 to 2011. Ron is remembered as a respected member of our port community, a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and a great friend to the Bi-State. He will be greatly missed.

Allied Member Spotlight: **AXLE Technologies**



AXLE founders Michael Mecca & Toni Ann Careccio working together side-by-side...

Although **AXLE Technologies** was founded just 18 months ago, the company is built on a foundation of family trucking experience that spans nearly 70 years. AXLE's Chief Operating Officer Toni Ann Careccio and Chief Executive Officer Michael Mecca are the grandchildren of Jerry Mecca, the visionary entrepreneur who founded Mecca & Son trucking in 1950, when he was still a teenager. Jerry and his wife Helen worked together side-by-side, starting out with just one truck, and eventually growing their business to a fleet of 60 trucks, along with warehousing and storage facilities. After Jerry's passing in 2001, his sons and daughters worked together to ensure that the Jersey City-based family business continued to thrive. Soon, his grandchildren also joined the company.

As the transportation industry in the NY/NJ area continued to grow, the market for cutting-edge, technology-based solutions to maximize efficiency became apparent. Toni and Michael used their

inside knowledge of what trucking companies truly need in the current climate, and worked together to develop user-friendly solutions that optimize operations, compliance, and safety for both trucking companies and owner-operators. Together, they formed AXLE Technologies in January 2017, carrying on the Mecca legacy of bold entrepreneurship and service to the transportation industry.

"We set out to build the industry's first fully-automated and centralized system," said Michael, "allowing companies to centralize every aspect of their logistics operations in a more efficient way."

AXLE's Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) and fleet management solutions feature a unique plug-and-go "bottle cap" ELD that connects directly to a vehicle's diagnostic port, is compatible with multiple operating systems (including iOS, Android and tablet applications), and is FMCSA-certified.

"Technology in the trucking and logistics industry is extremely antiquated," said Toni. "Companies pay an exorbitant amount of money for systems that look and feel like Windows '98, and I couldn't be more excited to introduce new-age technology into an industry I'm so deeply rooted to."



Their efforts haven't gone unnoticed in the industry: just six months after launching their ELD product, AXLE has over 200 trucking companies throughout the United States and Mexico that rely on their system to stay compliant with the FMCSA's electronic logging mandate.

Inspired by the work ethic passed down from their grandparents, AXLE's early success hasn't slowed the pair down. "The technology we are making at Axle is game-changing," says Michael. "Our ELD system is state-of-the-art, but is only the beginning for us. We have a new system coming out at the end

of this summer that is going to turn the NY/NJ port industry on its head. Trucking companies working with Axle will stand out from the pack and have new customers knocking at their doors for a taste of the future."

AXLE Technologies offers a variety of services, including electronic logging, fleet tracking, log auditing, IFTA fuel reporting, live messaging, safety consulting, and bi-lingual, U.S.-based Customer Service. For more information, visit www.axle.us. To request a free demo, email support@axle.us, or call 877-426-7341.



...just as their grandparents Helen & Jerry Mecca did at the family trucking company



AXLE's unique "bottle cap" ELD is FMCSA-certified

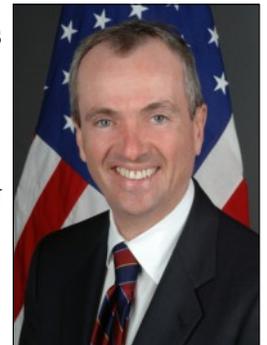
Legislative Update: State Shutdown Looming as Budget Talks Stall



With New Jersey’s fiscal year coming to a close on June 30th, the deadline for enacting a new budget is fast approaching. Reports from Trenton indicate that Governor Phil Murphy and the Members of the Legislature still have not reached an agreement on several key budget issues, and that a shutdown may happen on July 1st.

What will happen if a new budget is not approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor before the end of this month?

- All non-essential state agencies (including the DMV) will be closed.
- Courts will remain closed during the shutdown.
- State beaches and parks are subject to closure.
- Non-essential government employees will be furloughed and non-essential state offices will be closed.
- Non-emergency road projects will be halted.



In the event of a shutdown, essential services would continue, including: State Police, state correctional facilities, key child welfare services, state hospitals and treatment facilities, NJ Transit, and operations linked to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, including certain environmental and health monitoring. Service areas on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike will also remain open. The PANYNJ will also remain unaffected, as the agency is independent of both the NY & NJ state budgets.

REMINDER: Annual CVSA Inspections Scheduled for July 15-21

Operation Safe Driver Week, a annual roadside enforcement initiative from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, will take place July 15-21.

The focus this year will be on traffic violations, seat belt enforcement, driver roadside inspections, and driver regulatory compliance. According to CVSA statistics, driver behavior is the cause of more than 88 percent of large truck crashes, and 93 percent of passenger vehicle crashes.

Driving behaviors that will be targeted during the week include speeding, distracted driving, texting, failure to use a seat belt, following too closely, improper lane change, failure to obey traffic control devices and more.



According to the CVSA, nearly 39,000 citations and warnings were issued to truck drivers during last year’s Operation Safe Driver Week. More than 84 percent of these violations were for state and local moving violations.

CVSA’s [Operation Safe Driver Program](#) was created to help to reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries involving

large trucks, buses and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors.

Operation Safe Driver Week is sponsored by CVSA, in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and with support from industry and transportation safety organizations, and aims to help improve the behavior of all drivers operating in an unsafe manner – either in or around CMVs – through educational and traffic enforcement strategies to address individuals exhibiting high-risk driving behaviors.

PNCT Open Gate, Sunday 6/24



Port Newark Container Terminal will be testing its new gate system on Sunday, June 24th. Truckers who would like to try out the new system may arrive between 8am

and 1pm. All moves will be processed: Deliver Import, Receive Empty, Deliver Empty, Receive Export. Double moves and reefers can be done. No Heavy Lift for OOG. Additional details available at www.pnct.net.

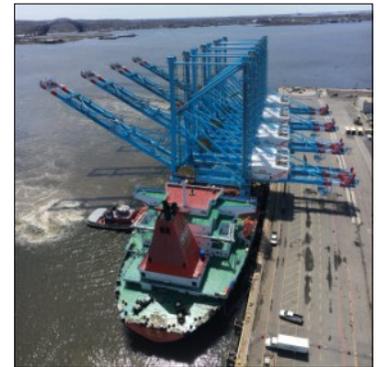


Planning a large pickup at APMT? Pre-advice is helpful!

As part of the Bi-State's ongoing efforts to help reduce turn times and increase efficiency at the Port of NY & NJ, we're passing along the following tip for motor carriers who anticipate large volume pick-ups at APM Terminal-Elizabeth:

"I encourage truckers who know that they will be picking up a significant number of containers to always send us some pre-advice" said Giovanni Antonuccio, General Manager of Client Services at APMT-Elizabeth. "That way, we have some insight as to where we will be delivering from."

Dispatchers are asked to send an email to Kevin Hartnett and Joe Stellke [Kevin.Hartnett@apmterminals.com and Joseph.w.stellke@apmterminals.com] by 2pm *the afternoon prior* to the day you expect to pick up the containers (i.e., contact them by Tuesday at 2pm for Wednesday pickups).



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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4	Independence Day
July 10	General Meeting
Aug. 14	General Meeting
Sept. 11	General Meeting
Sept. 17	Golf Outing & Awards

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting*
Tuesday, July 10th
@ 1000 hours

NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street
Elizabeth, NJ

**Meetings are for Bi-State Members only, and are not open to the public.*