



State Senator **MARTY FLYNN**

Representing the 22nd Senatorial District

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ON THE COVER: Senator Flynn speaks in front of the Capitol building in Harrisburg at a rally supporting the Scranton Federation of Teachers.

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A Note from Senator Flynn

Dear Neighbor,

My first few months in the Senate have been some of the most rewarding of my life. It is such a profound honor to be able to serve Northeast Pennsylvania as your Senator. Believe me, it is not a responsibility I take lightly.

In my eight years as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with people all across my hometown of Scranton. Now, as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, I represent a much larger area, and it has been absolutely thrilling getting to meet and work with people from all over NEPA.

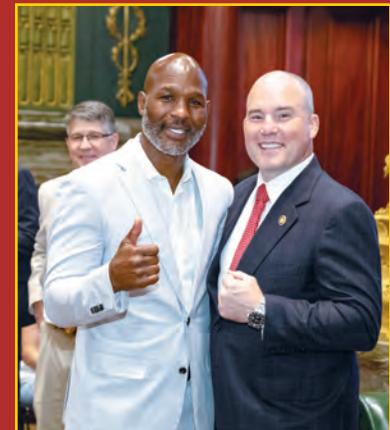
Most importantly to me - and most meaningfully - has been the opportunity to help people from all over NEPA. This area is my home, and it's my mission to make sure every voice is heard and every problem is addressed. Facebook labels me as a "public figure," but I don't like that phrasing. I very much consider myself a public servant; it's my job to serve my constituents.

That's why I'm sending you this newsletter - to let you know everything I've been doing to serve the 22nd Senatorial District, and to let you know how we can help you now and in the future. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my offices if you think we can help in any way. We have locations in Scranton and Eynon - not to mention our Harrisburg office in the beautiful state Capitol building - and we're always happy to hear from you.

Marty Flynn - State Senator
22nd Senatorial District

Ways We Can Help

- Unemployment Compensation
- State Tax Issues
- PennDOT (Driver's License Issues)
- Birth Certificates
- Notarizations
- CHIP
- Voter Registration
- PACE/PACENET
- LIHEAP Applications
- Property Tax Rebates
- Rent Rebates
- Housing/Rental Assistance
- Government Issues
- And Much More!



On June 9, 2021 I was sworn in to serve the 22nd District in the Pennsylvania State Senate. I was elected to serve Lackawanna and parts of Luzerne and Monroe counties in a special election held in May 2021. During my campaign, I made it clear that I would focus on local economic development, labor union rights, and housing initiatives to support communities and stop blight.



Bringing Resources to Our Community!

State Senator Marty Flynn announced eight Lackawanna County projects and organizations will receive \$12,000,000 through grants from **Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)**.

"These projects are very worthy of investment, they perfectly embody the spirit of the RACP program – taking an already strong community and making it even stronger and more sustainable going forward. I'm excited to see these projects get underway." – Sen. Marty Flynn

ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS THAT RECEIVED FUNDING INCLUDE:

■ **Scranton City Hall, Scranton – \$1,500,000**

This project seeks to repair the roof and facade of the Scranton Municipal Building (City Hall), a 3-story, Victorian Gothic Revival Style structure, located at 340 N. Washington Avenue. The goal is ultimately to ensure that the building remains the center of the city government and continues to be accessible to the public.

■ **326 Adams Ave. – Allentown Redevelopment, Scranton – \$500,000**

The project will renovate the former Scranton Counseling Center to construct apartments with ground floor retail. The project will specifically address the façade and building envelope. It will remove the 1980s stucco façade and return the building to its original appearance complete with new open storefront and expansive façade windows.

■ **Glenmontage Commercial Development, Moosic – \$1,000,000**

As part of the Lackawanna County community revitalization effort, the Glenmontage Commercial Development Project involves the property acquisition of an existing improved commercial property and new construction of a 30,000 square foot two-story office building. The site will include new parking of approximately 240 parking spots, associated landscaping, and underground stormwater retainage.

■ **Lackawanna College Center for Technology Innovation, Scranton – \$2,000,000**

The project will feature remediation, construction, and renovation to transform the 891 Providence Road property into the Lackawanna College Center for Technology Innovation (LCCTI). The project includes abatement and remediation of environmental conditions and construction (interior and exterior demolition, construction, and renovations) to restore the property for educational and commercial use.

■ **Abington Redevelopment, Clarks Summit – \$3,000,000**

The project aims to repurpose existing real estate for medical and neighborhood commercial venues. It will also expand small business enterprise and small business employment growth with the construction of approximately 35,000 additional square feet of usable commercial space.

■ **Larch Street Redevelopment, Scranton – \$1,000,000**

The Larch Street Redevelopment Project will redevelop the 1.4-acre Larch Street property, construct two new stair towers, and install a new elevator, to provide 10,000 SF of clinical and office space, and 21,000 SF of space to be used for their pre-Kindergarten/daycare program. The project site will be regraded to develop approximately 80 new parking spaces.

■ **Fellowship House, Scranton – \$1,000,000**

The project seeks to establish a transitional living facility in Lackawanna County for individuals who have already successfully completed a course of in-patient drug/alcohol treatment and medically supervised detoxification. The project involves the purchase of an improved parcel of land and renovations to the building and its grounds. Building renovations are expected to convert the existing facility into a 25-bed facility consisting of single/double/triple bedrooms, associated bathrooms, a full-service kitchen, a recreational room, and meeting rooms. Additional improvements include updates to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

■ **Fidelity Bank Headquarters, Scranton – \$2,000,000**

This project will renovate a nationally recognized, historic commercial building and repurpose it as the bank's new headquarters. The project will also renovate a vintage building located in Dunmore, updating the vintage location to showcase the bank's growing digital capabilities.

Sen. Flynn also announced over \$2 million in grants to repair and improve three Scranton parks:

- **Nay Aug Park & Pool Complex – \$2,000,000**
- **Weston Park – \$198,000**
- **Connell Park – \$149,400**

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program for the acquisition and construction of economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. Administered by the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget, RACP grants focus on projects that have a wide regional impact and generate substantial increases of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity.

Legislative Update *From the Floor*

Senator Flynn Appointed Democratic Chair of PA Senate Transportation Committee

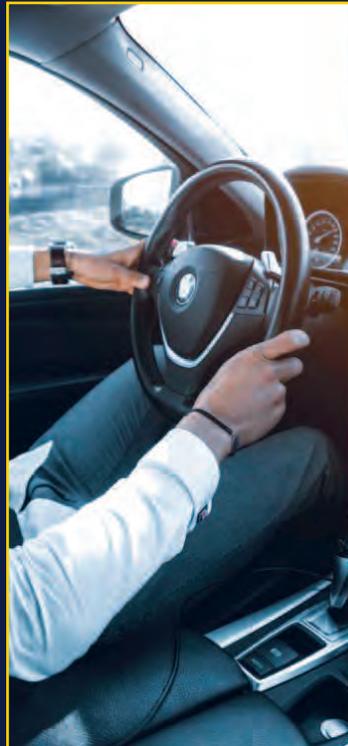


On January 18, 2022 Senator Flynn was appointed as Democratic Chair of the Pennsylvania Senate Transportation Committee.

"I look forward to working with both my Democratic and Republican colleagues to ensure Pennsylvania improves our many modes of transportation and the systems that make them run. Transportation infrastructure is the backbone of our cities and communities. I see how safe roads and bridges, fair tolls, and access to mass transit can support local economies. I'm committed to making sure Pennsylvanians have the best and most innovative options for transportation throughout the commonwealth."

– Senator Marty Flynn

The appointment comes after Senator Flynn introduced a legislation package that aims to reform the broken method of collecting tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. \$104 million went uncollected on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the last fiscal year; not coincidentally, this also coincided with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission switching to all-electronic tolling and doing away with in-person toll booth collectors.



In response to the disclosure that \$104 million in Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls went uncollected from June 2020 through May 2021, my proposed legislation would:

- Lower the threshold needed to trigger vehicle registration suspension from six unpaid tolls to four, or from \$500 in unpaid dues to \$250. It will also raise the statute of limitations from three years to five years, so Turnpike officials have a longer window to pursue offenders.
- Require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to submit an annual report to the General Assembly that outlines revenue from collected tolls as well as missed revenue from uncollected tolls during the prior fiscal year.
- Would require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to reinstate a number of staffed lanes to allow for in-person payments of tolls – including via cash.



The PA Turnpike Commission failed to collect more than \$104 million in tolls last fiscal year...

HERE'S HOW THAT MONEY COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT

BRIDGES
A recent study concluded that Pennsylvania has 378 structurally-deficient bridges. Repairing them all could cost roughly \$950 million. This money alone could repair **34 bridges**.

STOPLIGHTS
Construction, installation, and maintenance of stoplights can cost about \$100,000. This money could pay for over **1,000 stoplights**.

POTHOLES

The average pothole costs roughly \$300 to fix. This money could fill **346,667 potholes**.

ROADS

Between equipment, labor, and asphalt, paving one square mile of road costs roughly \$1 million. This money could repave **104 square miles of roads**.





Around the District



In August, Senator Flynn held a paper shredding event for constituents at the Circle Drive-In in Dickson City.



Senator Flynn attended the grand opening of West Scranton's splash pad in July.

Senator Flynn with coats from his Winter Coat Drive. All donations went to help those in need.



In October, President Joe Biden visited his hometown of Scranton and met with local elected officials.

Senator Flynn with his staff.



Student Ambassador Program Has Launched!

My inaugural Student Ambassador Program has begun, bringing together 27 of the brightest, most driven students in the 22nd Senatorial District. The students meet once a month to learn about state and local government, meet with local elected officials, hear from Pennsylvania Senate staffers, and tour the Capitol building in Harrisburg in the spring.

It's amazing seeing how driven and accomplished they are, even as high schoolers. We have an incredible group of students, and I'm proud that I'm able to organize this program and allow them to interact with, learn from, and inspire each other. There's a student from every school in my district, so there's a great amount of diversity when it comes to backgrounds, experiences, and ways of thinking. It's a great experience for them, of course, but also for me.



First Row, L-R: Representative Thom Welby, Representative Bridget Kosierowski, Senator Marty Flynn, Representative Maureen Madden, Representative Mike Carroll

Second Row, L-R: Student Director Ava Hazzouri, Wyoming Seminary; Kaylee Horne, North Pocono; Hannah Slivkanich, Forest City; Nicholas Zamerowski, Old Forge; Madison Chickey, Old Forge; Eliana King, Dunmore; Nicole Iriza, Scranton Prep; Makenna Ratchford, Lackawanna Trail

Third Row, L-R: Sidney Jeffries, East Stroudsburg South; Dawson Errigo, Holy Cross; Starasia Davis, West Scranton; Nevaeh Hammond, West Scranton; Andrew O'Keefe, Pocono Mountain East; Kathryn Koss, Pittston Area; Alyssa Cosklo, Carbondale; Salvatore Schiavone, Abington Heights; Maria Wetzell, Lackawanna Trail

Fourth Row, L-R: Fernando De La Rosa, Scranton; Jack Foley, Mid Valley; Alejandro Jacome-Parra, Lakeland; Gabriella Manuli, Pocono Mountain East; Ava Aulisio, Old Forge; Madeline Hopkins, Old Forge; Savanna Willauer, Scranton Prep; Avery Meredith, Riverside; Leo Sirianni, Valley View
Not pictured: Maurice Nicholas, Commonwealth Charter Academy



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