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“Eighteen Wheels Can’t Rest on the Shoulder — Pa. Adds Long-Overdue Parking”



Truck drivers rolling through Pennsylvania are getting boxed in. There’s one legal parking spot for every eleven drivers—meaning too many of our brothers and sisters are pushed into an impossible choice: Gamble with your own safety on the shoulder of a dark highway or burn precious hours hunting for a spot that doesn’t exist.

As the Turnpike shifts to Open Road Tolling, officials say some interchanges can finally be rebuilt to add real truck parking—not promises, actual pavement under actual rigs.

PennDOT itself admits the crisis is no secret. A 2023 Transportation Advisory Committee study spelled it out in black and white: truck parking in Pennsylvania is nowhere near what drivers need to stay safe and stay legal.

In October, PennDOT rolled out a new “Public Truck Parking” tool on 511PA.com and the 511PA app, mapping what little parking exists and adding new sites as they come online. It’s a start—but every Teamster knows a map doesn’t fix a shortage. Concrete does.

