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Wolf Administration Thanks Crews for Winter Efforts, Unique Assistance During Recent Storm

Future Road Maintenance Investments Also Highlighted

Pittsburgh, PA – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards today met with maintenance employees and underscored Governor Tom Wolf's appreciation for their work through last week's storm, during which Pittsburgh-area crews assisted on northeast-region roadways and participated in a unique mission.

Ten of PennDOT's Pittsburgh-region maintenance employees were dispatched to Monroe County during last week's storm as one of three Mobile Equipment Teams the department sent to the state's heaviest-impacted areas. The team was among the 20 department employees involved in transporting a 23-month-old child in need of an emergency medical procedure from Mt. Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg to Geisinger Children's Hospital in Danville on March 14. The multi-agency mission also involved the Pennsylvania National Guard, the Pennsylvania State Police and local emergency responders.

"Our ultimate responsibility is to keep the public safe and the people who took part in this mission made a huge difference in dire circumstances," Governor Wolf said. "I thank these employees and all of our crews who work so hard to make travel as safe as possible during weather and emergency events."

At the event, Richards extended thanks for the operation and the employees' continued service.

"We're professionals when it comes to winter services and our ability to move resources when needed made a big difference last week," Richards said. "Our employees are making a difference year-round and I thank them for all of their efforts, whether during the winter or construction seasons."

With the advance of spring, Richards also noted that department maintenance forces will have additional resources to improve the state's roadways through a new Road Maintenance and Preservation (Road MaP) initiative that [Governor Wolf recently announced](#).

Through Road MaP, PennDOT will invest \$1 billion in roadway maintenance and \$1.1 billion in highway and bridge capital projects over the next 10 years. The program will see an additional estimated \$63 million in the 2017-18 state fiscal year if Governor Wolf's budget is enacted.

Information on Road MaP is available at www.penndot.gov under "Act 89 Transportation Plan."

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