

NEWS BRIEF:

New Initiative Will Improve State's Competitiveness

AUGUST 1, 2019 -- [Legislation](#) signed into law on Wednesday aims to fast-track road improvements to support job-creating projects in Delaware.

The new Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) is expected to help the state attract new businesses, expand existing enterprises, and create jobs.

"The TIIF will allow us to react quickly to important economic development projects that require upgrades to roads or other infrastructure," said Gov. John Carney. "I want to thank members of the General Assembly for their partnership on this important issue."

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget includes \$10 million for the TIIF, which will be managed by a nine-member council established by the legislation.

Dave DuPlessis, president of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Delaware, applauded the initiative saying quality infrastructure "is critical to the success of our state."

The bipartisan legislation cleared the House of Representatives and Senate on unanimous votes.

