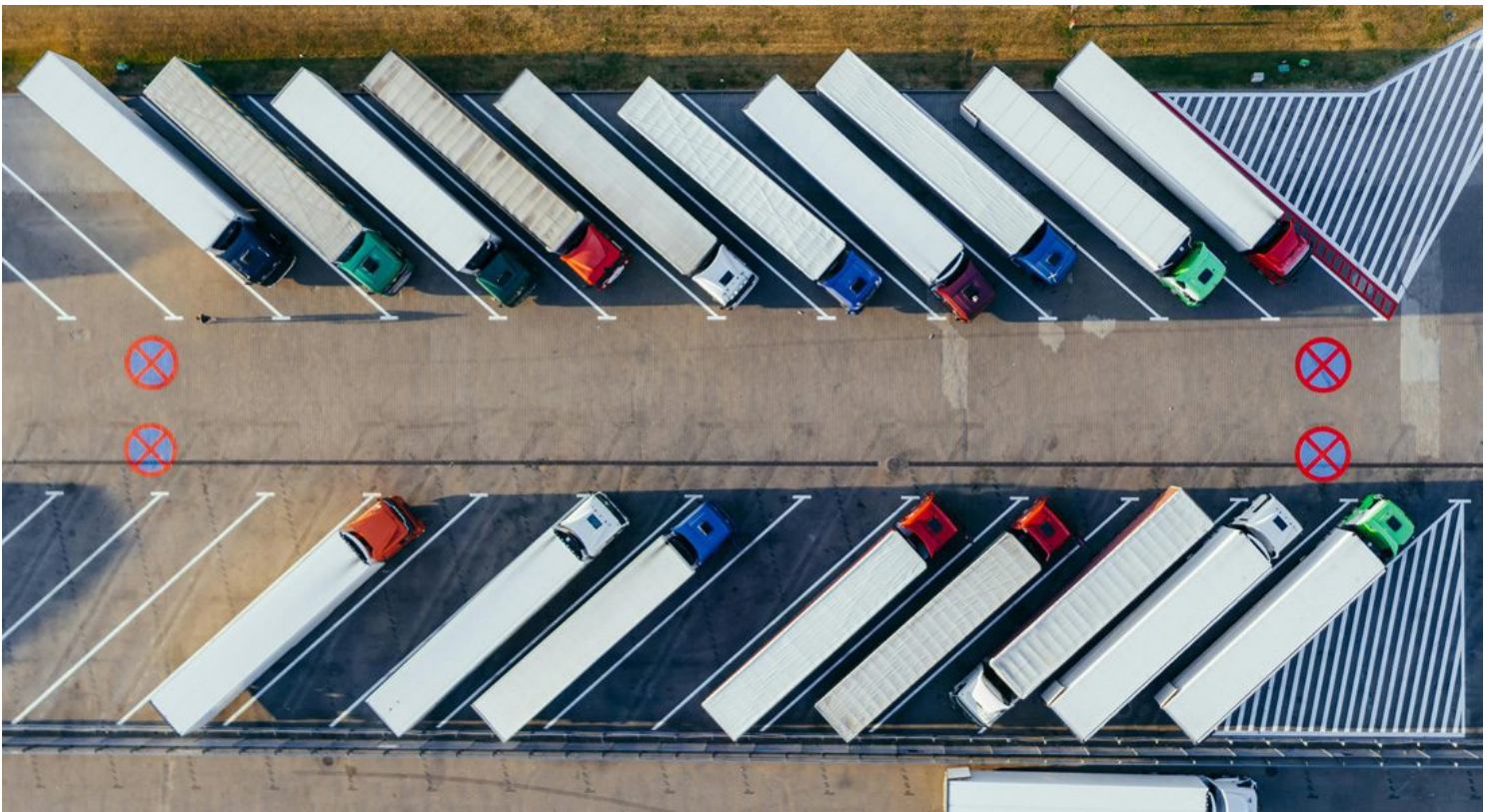


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Parking in the trucking industry

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Everyone in the trucking industry knows that there is a considerable problem with truck parking. If you want to park at a designated rest stop, you have to get there hours before nightfall, which is a problem if you cannot stop or have a delivery to make. When running up on your hours, you may not have any choice on where to park.

This leads to many drivers parking on ramps or the side of the highway. Trucks parking on the side of the road can lead to an increased risk of receiving a citation or an accident. This is both dangerous to the driver and the public. Truck parking must be increased for the safety of both our drivers and the safety of the public.

What is being done federally?

As of 2019, there were about 313,000 truck parking spots nationwide, only 40,000 of which are at public rest areas. Last year a bipartisan bill was introduced to allocate money to the construction of more truck parking across the nation. The [Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act](#) would allocate \$755 million over three years to the construction of publicly accessible truck parking spaces. The bill is still in front of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Recently the U.S. Department of Transportation announced that money would go to creating more truck parking in Florida, Wisconsin, Washington, Wyoming, and Missouri. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration also announced more funding to truck parking through its High Priority Grant program.

What is being done in Pennsylvania?

Pennsylvania, like the rest of the nation, is having a huge problem with truck parking. The state only has 280 truck parking facilities containing 11,600 parking spaces – and they’re full almost every night. The Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee published a report in December 2023 outlining its recommendations on how to expand truck parking in the state. They found that there was a shortage of about 4,400 truck parking spaces across the state, which resulted in about 1,100 trucks parked on shoulders and ramps every night. The Pennsylvania State House Transportation Committee has advanced a resolution for the Joint State Government Commission [to conduct a study of truck parking throughout the state](#).

Truck parking across the nation and the state is slowly improving, but there is more work to be done. Make sure you support your state trucking association or contact your state or federal congressman.

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