



### **Pennsylvania Powers Ahead: A National Leader in Electric Vehicle Charging Growth**

PennDOT has launched the Community Charging phase of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, a significant step toward expanding public electric vehicle (EV) charging access across Pennsylvania. This phase will invest \$100 million in federal funding to bring convenient, reliable charging stations directly into towns and neighborhoods, making it easier for residents to charge their vehicles close to home.

The first round of Community Charging funding will focus on the southeastern region of the state, with public sites in five counties eligible to apply. Local planning groups will help highlight priority areas, and roughly \$34 million is available for this round. To support applicants, a new survey has been launched to help community organizations connect and partner with companies that build and operate EV charging stations.

This new investment builds on earlier NEVI progress, which has already directed \$54 million toward expanding public charging statewide. Pennsylvania currently leads the nation in NEVI-funded stations, with 29 already open and 54 in planning or construction.

Additional regional funding rounds will open in 2026:

- **West:** April–May 2026
- **East:** August–September 2026
- **Central:** August–September 2026

Together, these efforts continue to strengthen Pennsylvania’s growing EV network. Since the first NEVI station opened in late 2023, Pennsylvania drivers have completed more than 80,000 charging sessions—powering an estimated 9.6 million miles and cutting over 2,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The state is also advancing funding for charging stations along major highways, part of its Alternative Fuel Corridors. Although some federal funding has been temporarily withheld, legal actions have been taken to protect the program and keep these EV projects moving forward.

For full details on Community Charging funding, timelines, and resources, visit PennDOT’s Community Charging Funding Rounds website.



### **Help Shape Safer Transportation for Pennsylvania: Take the 2026 Survey Today!**

PennDOT is asking Pennsylvanians to take a short, anonymous online survey—open now through February 28—to help improve traffic safety statewide. Nearly \$30 million is invested each year in safety programs, and preliminary data show traffic fatalities have decreased for the second year in a row, marking promising progress.

The traffic safety survey collects feedback on driving habits such as seat belt use, speeding, distractions, and impaired driving, as well as pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle safety. PennDOT uses this information to shape future education and enforcement efforts, including public awareness campaigns that highlight how safe choices behind the wheel protect loved ones. Residents’ input plays a key role in helping Pennsylvania continue to reduce crashes and save lives.

Visit PennDOT’s Safety website for comprehensive information on staying safe on the road and the Commonwealth’s work to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities.



### **\$53 Million in Rail Upgrades Coming to Communities Across Pennsylvania**

The state is investing almost \$53 million to improve rail freight infrastructure. These upgrades will help move goods more safely and efficiently while creating or supporting about 450 jobs. Rail freight is an important part of the state’s economy, and these improvements will make it easier for local businesses to ship products and stay competitive.

Pennsylvania has more railroads than any other state in the country, and it is also the only state with a special grant program focused solely on freight rail. Since last year, more than \$150 million has been invested in strengthening rail lines, bridges, and shipping facilities. This work helps the Commonwealth’s communities by supporting jobs, growing local businesses, and keeping trucks off busy highways.

A total of 30 projects will receive funding to replace aging rail, improve bridges, repair crossings, build new track, and upgrade loading and unloading equipment. These improvements will enhance safety and reliability across key rail corridors, benefiting both businesses and nearby communities. Together, these investments will keep goods moving efficiently throughout the state and strengthen connections to national and global markets.

For more information on how rail freight supports a strong, modern transportation system, visit PennDOT’s Rail Freight and Ports website.



### **Pennsylvania Continues Growing Truck Parking Network with Hundreds of New Spots**

Pennsylvania continues to add more safe places for truck drivers to park and rest. These spaces help commercial drivers follow federal rest rules and make our roads safer for everyone. So far, more than 300 new parking spots have opened at locations across the state, including highway onramps, weigh stations, and other public areas. This is part of a larger effort to add over 1,200 new truck parking spaces by the end of 2026.

These new spaces make use of existing public land, allowing the project to move forward more quickly and cost-effectively. Each site is carefully selected to meet key safety standards, including clear visibility and easy access. Signage is posted to help drivers locate the areas, and all sites are being added to PennDOT’s 511PA website and mobile app, where drivers can check traffic, weather conditions, and parking availability at any time.

Pennsylvania will continue working with partners to identify effective solutions and optimal sites for future truck parking. These ongoing efforts keep freight moving safely and support the communities that rely on dependable transportation. Improved parking also reduces unsafe shoulder stops, making travel safer for both truck drivers and motorists every day.



## Explore Resources on PennDOT's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Website

PennDOT's IIJA website offers a centralized hub of resources to help communities pursue federal infrastructure funding. It provides practical tools for developing competitive grant proposals, planning projects, and navigating the application process. The site also shares ongoing updates on federal grants, keeping communities informed and better positioned to compete.

### Key Features:

- Pursuing Grant Funding: A Guide for Regional and Local Applicants
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Checklist for Local Governments
- Funding Opportunities

**There are currently no federal grant programs accepting applications.**

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