**October 2025 Newsletter** 

### **Progress with 20<sup>th</sup> Charging Station**

funded EV station through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. Located at a Sheetz on Freeport Road in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County (Interstate 76 – Exit 48), this milestone reflects a total federal investment of approximately \$11.5 million. PennDOT recently became the first state to receive Full Build-Out Certification under updated NEVI guidance, marking the completion of the initial phase focused on interstate corridors. This allows Pennsylvania to advance to the next stage: the Corridor Connections phase, which expands EV charging beyond major highways to connect communities better and boost EV driver confidence. Launched this month and open through January 30,

projects covering more than 1,000 miles of roadway across Pennsylvania. The initiative aims to close infrastructure gaps and make EV travel more convenient, reliable, and accessible for drivers statewide. For up-to-date national data on NEVI programs by state, visit the EV States Clearinghouse website. Read Pennsylvania's approved and updated state plan HERE.

2026, the Corridor Connections funding opportunity will

invest up to \$20 million to support approximately 24



### The 2025 Pennsylvania State Rail Plan—which outlines strategies to improve passenger and freight rail systems across the Commonwealth—is still available for public

review and comment through Oct. 24, 2025.

the Federal Railroad Administration and key

submitted by email to RA-PDPASRP@pa.gov.

stakeholders, identifies opportunities for growth and modernization. Visit the Advancing PA Rail website to view the draft plan and provide comments. Comments can also be

The plan, updated every four years in collaboration with

Oct. 31 Public-Private Partnerships (P3) are innovative collaborations between government agencies, like

2) Partnering for Progress: PennDOT Welcomes

**Public-Private Partnership Proposals Through** 

PennDOT, and private companies that help deliver,

maintain, and finance public infrastructure more

efficiently. PennDOT is accepting unsolicited proposals or ideas for projects that haven't been formally requested from companies through Oct. 31, 2025. This biannual submission window invites companies to

propose innovative ideas to improve transportation

infrastructure and services across the Commonwealth.

Partnerships website. The next proposal window will

open in April 2026.

local initiatives that:

safe routes to school.

Submit your proposal and learn more about the process,

eligibility, and active projects at PennDOT's Public-Private

3) Final Countdown for Pedestrians and Cyclists **Safety Grant Funding** PennDOT's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program is still open—but not for long. With \$80 million in funding available, this is an opportunity to support projects that make Pennsylvania communities safer, more connected, and more vibrant. TASA supports

Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety through new

Expand access to public transportation and create

Enhance community spaces by preserving historic

or upgraded facilities and safer road designs.

buildings and maintaining green areas.

Support environmental protection through

infrastructure. Develop multi-use trails that connect people to key places and promote active transportation.

Only applicants who submitted a draft application and

completed a review meeting with their district office are

eligible to submit a final application, which is due Oct.

stormwater management and wildlife-friendly

31, 2025. Final project recommendations are expected to be announced in March 2026.

PennDOT's TASA website offers detailed program

materials, comprehensive information on eligibility and how to apply, and an informational session recording. Final questions can be submitted to <a href="mailto:RA-pdTASA@pa.gov">RA-pdTASA@pa.gov</a>.

More Safe Stops Coming: Pennsylvania to Add 1,200+ Truck Parking Spaces by 2026

A statewide initiative is underway to add 1,202 truck

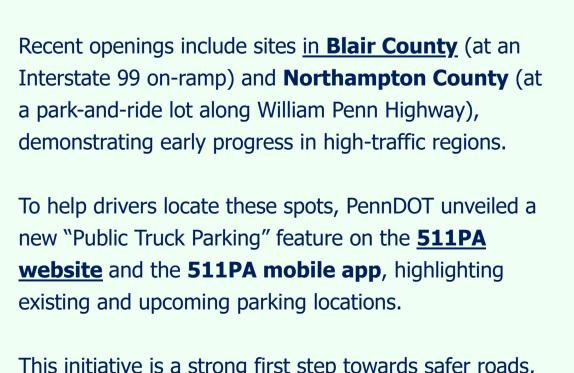
parking spaces across 133 locations by the end of 2026.

This marks the first significant increase in truck parking

in decades. The initiative uses existing public sites, like

truck drivers find safe and accessible resting places.

on-ramps, weigh stations, and roadside locations, to help



more reliable, accessible places to stop and rest.

**Does Your Community Need Funding Support for** 

PennDOT's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

website is a valuable resource for communities seeking

**Important Local Projects?** 

# This initiative is a strong first step towards safer roads, better rest options, and more innovative use of public spaces. As new locations open, the Commonwealth

benefits from improved freight flow, while drivers get

## **Pennsylvania Leads the Nation in Electric Vehicle** Pennsylvania has emerged as a national leader in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure by opening its 20<sup>th</sup> federally

federal funding. It offers tools and assistance for developing competitive grant proposals, planning infrastructure projects, and navigating the grant application process.

#### **Key features:**

- Guide for Developing Grant Proposals
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Checklist for Local Governments
- Funding Opportunities

### **Stay Updated on Federal Grants**

<u>PennDOT's IIJA website</u> offers the latest news on federal grant opportunities and awarded projects. Check back regularly for updates that could benefit your community.

There are currently no federal grant programs accepting applications.

For more information about PennDOT Pathways, visit our website at **penndot.pa.gov/funding**.

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