



Pennsylvania Leads the Nation in Electric Vehicle Progress with 20th Charging Station

Pennsylvania has emerged as a national leader in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure by opening its 20th federally 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, 2026**, the Corridor Connections funding opportunity will invest up to **\$20 million** to support approximately 24 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.



Act Now to Shape Pennsylvania's Transportation Future – THREE KEY DEADLINES THIS OCTOBER

1) Help Shape PA's Rail Future: Public Comment Still Open on State Rail Plan Through Oct. 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 plan, updated every four years in collaboration with the Federal Railroad Administration and key 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 submitted by email to RA-PDPASRP@pa.gov.

2) Partnering for Progress: PennDOT Welcomes Public-Private Partnership Proposals Through Oct. 31

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) are innovative collaborations between government agencies, like 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. Submit your proposal and learn more about the process, eligibility, and active projects at PennDOT's Public-Private Partnerships website. The next proposal window will open in **April 2026**.

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 local initiatives that:

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety through new or upgraded facilities and safer road designs.
- Expand access to public transportation and create safe routes to school.
- Enhance community spaces by preserving historic buildings and maintaining green areas.
- Support environmental protection through stormwater management and wildlife-friendly 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. 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 RA-pdTASA@pa.gov.



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 on-ramps, weigh stations, and roadside locations, to help truck drivers find safe and accessible resting places.

Recent openings include sites in Blair County (at an Interstate 99 on-ramp) and **Northampton County** (at a park-and-ride lot along William Penn Highway), demonstrating early progress in high-traffic regions.

To help drivers locate these spots, PennDOT unveiled a new "Public Truck Parking" feature on the **511PA website** and the **511PA mobile app**, highlighting existing and upcoming parking locations.

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 more reliable, accessible places to stop and rest.



Does Your Community Need Funding Support for Important Local Projects?

PennDOT's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) website is a valuable resource for communities seeking

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

[PennDOT's IIJA website](#) 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.

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