**June 2026 Newsletter**

Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation
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### Public Comments Needed on Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The public comment period for Pennsylvania's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is **open through Tuesday, June 30, 2026**. The STIP outlines priority projects and funding over four years, incorporating 24 regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) along with two statewide TIPs. As the first four years of the Commonwealth's 12-Year Program, it will be considered for adoption by the State Transportation Commission on August 5, 2026, before federal approval.

The draft STIP and supporting information are available on Pennsylvania's STIP website. **Pennsylvanians can submit feedback by:**

- Filling out the online comment form on the Talk PA Transportation website
- Emailing comments and questions to RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov
- Calling PennDOT at 717-783-2262

Public feedback and survey results will help identify transportation needs and guide project prioritization across the state. To learn more about how transportation projects are planned and funded, visit the Talk PA Transportation website.

### Community Charging Program Continues Expanding with New Funding for Western Pennsylvania

PennDOT continues to expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure through its Community Charging Program. A new $25 million funding round will support projects that improve charging access and strengthen connections between communities and major corridors in Western Pennsylvania.

This investment, part of the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, builds on Pennsylvania's leadership in EV expansion. The Commonwealth has opened 37 NEVI-funded charging stations—the most of any state—and invested nearly $62 million in public charging infrastructure, with 55 more stations in development. Since the first NEVI station opened in December 2023, drivers have completed more than 106,000 charging sessions, traveled an estimated 12.7 million EV miles, and reduced carbon emissions by more than 2,700 metric tons.

Additional funding rounds expected later this year will continue to grow Pennsylvania's EV network and advance a cleaner, more connected transportation system. Learn more, access resources, and complete a brief interest survey on PennDOT's Community Charging Funding Rounds website.

### Pennsylvania Invests $10M to Strengthen Local Airport Infrastructure

Nearly $10 million in state funding will support improvements at eight airports, enhancing safety, reliability, and operations. These upgrades strengthen regional connectivity and support critical services like emergency response, cargo movement, and business travel.

The state's aviation industry supports more than 226,000 jobs and generates $34 billion annually, making these investments critical to economic mobility statewide. For more information on aviation in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT's Airport Planning website.

### 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

### Stay Updated on Federal Grants

PennDOT's IIJA website offers the latest news on federal grant opportunities and awarded projects, making historic investments across Pennsylvania. Check back regularly for updates that could benefit your community.

The following are the federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

**Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

The BIP Planning and Bridge Project grants provide competitive funding to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of movement over bridges nationwide. Funding supports projects that enhance bridge conditions, reduce the number of structurally deficient or at-risk bridges, and align infrastructure with current design, load, and traffic standards. The program also emphasizes leveraging non-Federal funding and encourages collaboration among sponsors and stakeholders to advance impactful infrastructure investments.

- The current deadlines for BIP applications are:
  - Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Bridge Grants: June 29, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST

*Note: Deadlines to request PennDOT support have passed. Deadlines for FY 2025 applications and FY 2026 Planning grants have also passed.

**Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways (INFRA)**

The INFRA program includes two tracks:

- Track 1: Surface transportation projects (FY 2023 and 2024 funds)
- Track 2: Commercial vehicle parking projects (FY 2026 funds)

These grants support infrastructure that improves safety, efficiency, and reliability, with a focus on freight movement and truck parking.

**Deadlines:**

- **Track 1:** July 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST (PennDOT support deadline passed)
- **Track 2:** July 15, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST. (PennDOT support deadline: July 1, 2026)

For any questions about transportation, federal funding opportunities, or to request PennDOT support, please use the following email: RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov.

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

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