



Smarter Transportation: New Initiatives Improve Travel Across Pennsylvania

PennDOT is advancing smarter, safer travel across the Commonwealth through more than 30 innovative initiatives highlighted in its Focus on Innovations publication—now in its fifth year. The publication highlights improvements, organized through searchable topics and an interactive timeline, providing a clear view of how these innovations are modernizing transportation and enhancing travel statewide.

The latest initiatives focus on practical innovations, such as extending pavement life to reduce potholes and repairs, streamlining project delivery with digital and paperless tools, and improving safety with enhanced barriers, lighting, and smart message boards.

At the same time, these efforts support broader improvements by expanding access to electric vehicle charging and advancing major projects, such as the Scranton to New York City (NYC) rail corridor, which will reconnect northeast Pennsylvania to the NYC region and help drive economic growth.



From Funding to Safer Roads: How Pennsylvania Is Reducing Traffic Fatalities

Pennsylvania is making measurable progress in reducing traffic fatalities through targeted investments, safer infrastructure, and a focus on driver behavior. In 2025, roadway fatalities fell to a record low of 1,047, while total crashes also declined.

More than \$357 million in federal funding supported over 300 safety projects from 2023 to 2025, alongside \$30 million in state-funded upgrades like rumble strips, signage, and pavement markings. These improvements target high-risk areas and help prevent serious crashes, with additional investments planned for 2026.

At the same time, education and enforcement efforts are improving driver behavior—the leading cause of most fatal crashes. While some challenges persist, the overall trend shows that coordinated investments and proactive strategies are making Pennsylvania’s roads safer and moving the state closer to zero fatalities.

For more details about the state’s highway safety initiatives, visit PennDOT’s Safety website. PennDOT’s website also offers Media Resources for promoting safety campaigns.



Community Charging Program Continues Connecting Pennsylvanians to EV Charging

PennDOT’s Community Charging Program is gaining momentum, expanding electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure into the everyday places Pennsylvanians rely on. Building on early success, new projects are moving forward statewide—bringing convenient, reliable charging to local destinations and closing critical gaps between highway corridors and communities.

From main streets to workplaces and public spaces, these new installations are making EV charging more accessible and practical.

With additional funding rounds on the way, the program continues to strengthen Pennsylvania’s EV network and support a cleaner, more connected transportation future.

Interested partners can review available resources, complete the brief interest survey, and explore upcoming funding rounds on PennDOT’s Community Charging Funding Rounds website.



PennDOT Kicks Off 2026 Road and Bridge Construction Season

A new construction season is underway, and PennDOT is sharing another round of project highlights—continuing to showcase investments that preserve and modernize Pennsylvania’s roads and bridges to support safe, reliable travel and keep communities connected.

Under Governor Shapiro’s Administration, 19,427 miles of roadway have been improved, and work has advanced on 1,799 state and local bridges. A \$37.5 million, multi-district initiative is also accelerating rural roadway improvements across 20 counties, delivering upgrades years ahead of schedule.

Explore the latest construction season highlights, including projects starting or continuing this year in:

- North Central PA District 2
- Eastern PA District 5
- Southeastern PA District 6
- South Central PA District 8
- Indiana-based District 10

Learn more about road and bridge projects planned or underway in your area through PennDOT’s Projects Near You 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

How IIJA Funding Is Transforming PA Transportation

IIJA funding is helping bring transformative transportation improvements to life across Pennsylvania, advancing safety, connectivity, and economic opportunities. These investments are delivering meaningful, on-the-ground results in communities across the Commonwealth.

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside

One way IIJA funding is making an impact is through the [Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside \(TASA\) Program](#), which invests federal funds in community-based projects that improve accessibility, safety, and mobility. [Recent investments totaling more than \\$74 million](#) will fund 72 projects across 38 counties, bringing the total to over \$123 million invested statewide in recent years.

These funds support pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, safer routes to schools, transportation-focused trails, and improved access to public transit. [In the latest funding round](#), 152 applications requesting over \$173 million were evaluated, with projects selected based on safety, cost-effectiveness, readiness, community impact, and coordination with local and regional plans.

Together, these investments expand transportation options, enhance quality of life, and better connect Pennsylvanians to everyday destinations.

Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project

The [Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation \(CSVT\)](#) project is a \$975 million investment to construct a roughly 13-mile, four-lane limited-access highway to improve safety, reduce congestion, and accommodate growth in Snyder, Union, and Northumberland Counties. The project has been in development for more than 30 years and will complete a missing link in the modern highway corridor of US 15, which is the major north-south route in Central Pennsylvania. The project is being delivered in two sections.

The Northern Section, which includes a 4,500-foot bridge over the West Branch Susquehanna River, opened to traffic in July 2022. It currently carries approximately 16,000 vehicles per day and has significantly reduced through traffic—particularly heavy trucks—in communities such as Lewisburg and Northumberland, improving both safety and quality of life.

Construction on the Southern Section began in Summer 2022 and is progressing toward opening in Fall 2027. This section will bypass Shamokin Dam and Hummels Wharf—eliminating a long-standing bottleneck—and connect US 15 south of Winfield to US 11/15 north of Selingsgrove, with a direct link to PA 61 and Sunbury via the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

The Southern Section is being built through three major construction contracts, which primarily involve earthwork, structures, and paving, respectively. Funding for the second contract included \$69 million awarded to the project from the Fiscal Year 2022 Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program under IIJA. That contract involved the construction of nine bridges and four noise walls throughout the Southern Section, and it was awarded to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC of Chicago, Illinois. Work on the various structures began in Fall 2023 and was fully completed in April 2026, leaving the paving of the new highway under the third contract as the major remaining work to be completed.

Once complete, the Southern Section will further separate local and through traffic, improve travel efficiency, and strengthen regional connectivity from Harrisburg to Williamsport, supporting long-term economic growth.

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:

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

[SS4A](#) provides competitive grant funding to help communities reduce—and ultimately eliminate—roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users. Funding supports the development and implementation of comprehensive Safety Action Plans and targeted investments that improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, micromobility users, emergency responders, and commercial vehicle operators. This round emphasizes public safety infrastructure, recognizes truck parking as a critical safety element, and continues to support tools and strategies tailored to local, Tribal, and regional needs to save lives.

- **The deadline for requesting PennDOT support has passed**
- **The application deadline is Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST.**

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

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 deadline for requesting PennDOT support for fiscal year (FY) 2026 Planning Grant applications is June 1, 2026.**
- **The deadline for requesting PennDOT support for FY 2026 Bridge Grants is June 16, 2026.**
- **The deadlines for BIP applications are:**
 - **FY 2025 Funds (Previously submitted applications only):**
 - **Planning Grants: May 21, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST**
 - **Bridge Project Grants: May 28, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST**
 - **FY 2026 Funds (New applications only):**
 - **Planning Grants: June 15, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST**
 - **Bridge Grants: June 29, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST**

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

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