

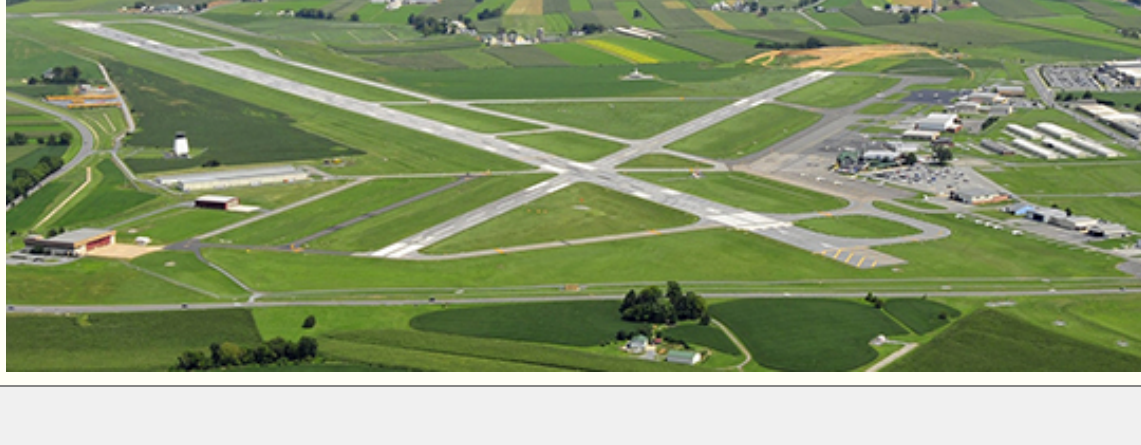


PennDOT Launches 12-Year, \$90 Billion Transportation Improvement Plan

Pennsylvania has approved a new 12-year transportation plan that will invest more than \$90 billion in roads, bridges, public transit, airports, and rail across the Commonwealth. The plan was shaped by public input from communities statewide and focuses on improving safety, mobility, and quality of life for residents while supporting local businesses and economic growth.

The investment represents a 3% increase over the previous transportation program. It builds on recent progress, including improvements to 21,291 miles of roadway and work on 1,931 state and local bridges over the past two years.

To learn more about how transportation projects are planned and funded, visit the [Talk PA Transportation website](#).



Green Light-Go Investments Advance Traffic Safety and Mobility Statewide

PennDOT is investing \$38 million through its [Green Light-Go Program](#) to upgrade traffic signals and improve safety, mobility, and traffic flow in 86 communities across Pennsylvania. Funding will support modern signal technology, improved pedestrian accessibility, traffic monitoring systems, and signal retiming improvements designed to reduce congestion and keep people moving.

Since 2023, the program has invested \$134 million statewide and funded upgrades to more than 1,700 traffic signals. These improvements help create safer, more efficient travel for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users while supporting local communities and economic activity.

Visit [PennDOT's Green Light-Go website](#) for more information about the program and a list of awarded projects.



Communities Can Now Apply for \$41 Million in Rail Freight Funding

Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) grant applications are now open for projects that improve and expand Pennsylvania's rail infrastructure. The funding supports maintenance and upgrades across the state's extensive freight rail network, which comprises 65 operating railroads, helping move goods efficiently, support local businesses, and drive economic growth.

Since 2023, more than \$150 million has been invested in freight rail improvements statewide, supporting rail line upgrades and other key infrastructure projects.

Applications for the current funding round will be accepted through August 28, 2026.

For more information on eligibility and application requirements, visit [PennDOT's Rail Freight and Ports website](#).



More Than \$1 Million Invested in School Bus Safety and Driver Training

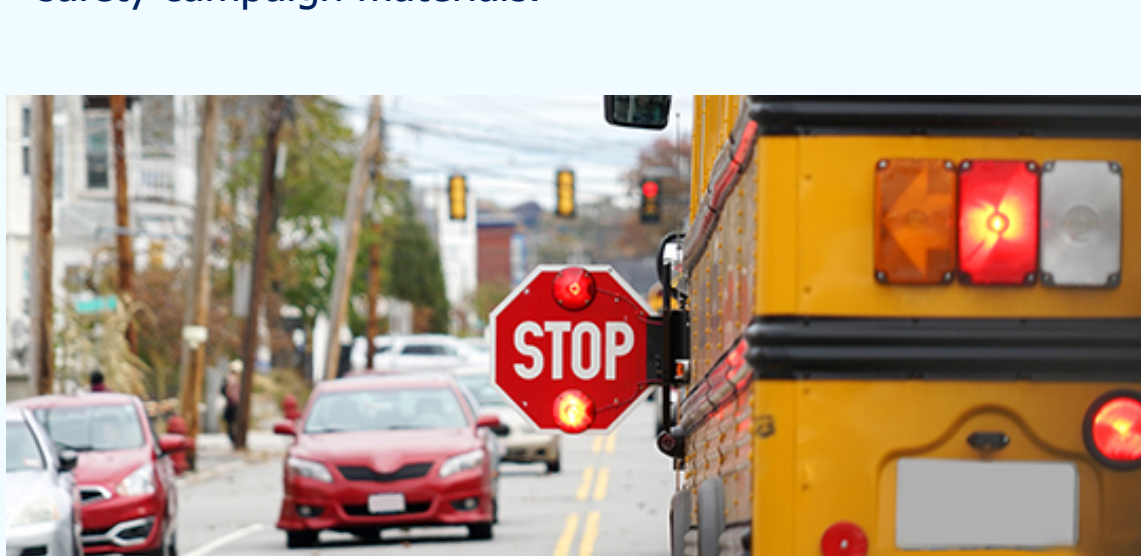
More than \$1.1 million in grant funding has been awarded to help train over 430 new school bus drivers across Pennsylvania, marking the second round of school bus safety investments this year. The funding will cover costs such as commercial driver's license training, testing and permit fees, as well as trainee wages, helping schools and transportation providers recruit and prepare qualified drivers.

The investment supports efforts to strengthen the school transportation workforce, address driver shortages, and improve reliability for families and schools. The funding also helps expand driver training and school bus safety programs that promote safe travel to and from schools each day.

Eligible organizations, including school bus contractors, schools, and municipalities, can apply for these grants online. Questions can be emailed to pdasbegp@pa.gov, and all program information is available on [PennDOT's School Bus Safety website](#).

A reminder for all drivers: If a school bus has flashing red lights and an extended stop arm, you must stop. Children's safety depends on it.

PennDOT's website offers [Media Resources](#) for creating safety campaign materials.



ICYMI: \$12 Million in Workforce Grants Still Available

Pennsylvania public school districts, private schools, cyber schools, Career & Technical Centers, Youth Development Centers, and institutions of higher learning can apply through September 1, 2026, for a \$12 million federal grant program to expand workforce training for the heavy highway and construction industries. Grants of up to \$500,000 will support career exploration, technical training, industry certifications, and hands-on learning opportunities that help connect students with in-demand careers and address workforce shortages.

Visit [the grant application page](#) for eligibility requirements, program resources, and application information.



ICYMI: Community Charging Program Maintains Strong Momentum

PennDOT continues to advance Pennsylvania's electric vehicle (EV) charging network through the [Community Charging Program](#), which supports publicly accessible charging infrastructure to improve connectivity between

communities and major travel corridors and to meet growing EV charging demand.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania funding round closes Aug. 21, 2026, and applications for the Western Pennsylvania funding round are due Nov. 20, 2026. Additional funding opportunities for other regions are expected to open later this year.

Visit [PennDOT's Community Charging website](#) for program updates and application details.



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 Informed About Current Federal Funding Opportunities: Innovative Traffic Safety Enforcement (ITSE)

[ITSE is a competitive grant program](#) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that supports the development, demonstration, and evaluation of innovative traffic safety enforcement strategies. ITSE is aimed at reducing crashes caused by speeding, impaired and distracted driving, and other preventable roadway safety risks, such as nonuse of seat belts and helmets. The goal is to identify effective, scalable, and replicable approaches to reducing crashes that can be adopted by law enforcement agencies nationwide.

The ITSE program includes three phased deadlines:

- Phase 1: Thursday, September 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST
- Phase 2: Monday, March 1, 2027, 5:00 p.m. EST
- Phase 3: Wednesday, September 1, 2027, 5:00 p.m. EST

The deadlines for requesting PennDOT support are:

- Phase 1: August 20, 2026
- Phase 2: April 15, 2027
- Phase 3: August 18, 2027

For questions about transportation or federal funding opportunities, or to request PennDOT support, email RAPDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov.

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

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