



Community Charging Program Expands Across Pennsylvania as Commonwealth Leads Nation in NEVI Progress

Pennsylvania continues to lead the nation in deploying electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. The Commonwealth has opened 50 NEVI-funded charging stations, more than any other state, and invested \$58 million in federal funding through its Alternative Fuel Corridors and Corridor Connections programs. An additional 38 stations are in development across Pennsylvania.

Building on this momentum, PennDOT recently announced two new Community Charging funding rounds to expand access to public EV charging in communities across the Commonwealth. The latest rounds include \$11 million for Central Pennsylvania and \$32 million for Eastern Pennsylvania, contributing to more than \$100 million in statewide Community Charging investments. The program supports the installation of publicly accessible charging stations in locations where people live, work, shop, and recreate, helping improve charger accessibility and support continued EV adoption.

Since Pennsylvania's first NEVI-funded station opened in December 2023, the network has supported:

- More than 146,000 charging sessions
- More than 17.3 million estimated EV miles traveled
- More than 3,700 metric tons of CO₂ emissions reduced

Applications for the Community Charging funding rounds are due:

- Western Pennsylvania: November 20, 2026
- Central Pennsylvania: March 12, 2027
- Eastern Pennsylvania: March 12, 2027

Organizations interested in applying or partnering on projects can learn more and complete a brief interest survey on PennDOT's Community Charging Funding Rounds website. Visit PennDOT's Community Charging website for all program details, eligibility requirements, and application resources.

PennDOT also recently launched EVs In Focus, a video series providing fact-based information on EV charging, battery safety, electric grid impacts, environmental benefits, winter weather performance, and charging costs.



\$54 Million Awarded for Transportation Improvements Across Pennsylvania; New Funding Opportunity Opens

Pennsylvania has awarded \$54 million through the Multimodal Transportation Fund to support 50 transportation projects in 27 counties. The investment will improve roads, bridges, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, airports, ports, and other transportation infrastructure, helping enhance safety, mobility, connectivity, and economic development throughout Pennsylvania.

Since 2023, the program has invested \$197 million in local transportation improvements that strengthen infrastructure, improve quality of life, and support community growth. The next round of funding applications opened September 14, 2026, and closes October 30, 2026.

For program information, eligibility requirements, and the application details, visit PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation website.



\$80 Million Investment Helps Bring Expanded Passenger Rail Service to Pennsylvania

A second daily round-trip Pennsylvanian train between New York City and Pittsburgh via Harrisburg will begin service in mid-November, expanding travel options and strengthening connections between communities across Pennsylvania. Supported by more than \$80 million in state investment and \$143 million in federal funding, the project includes rail infrastructure and safety upgrades that will enhance mobility, support economic development, and improve service along a key passenger and freight rail corridor as part of broader efforts to modernize the state's transportation network.

For more information on rail in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT's Passenger Rail 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 Informed About Current Federal Funding Opportunities:

Innovative Traffic Safety Enforcement (ITSE)

ITSE is a competitive grant program through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NTSA) 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:

- The Phase 1 deadline has passed.
- 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:

- The Phase 1 deadline has passed.
- Phase 2: April 15, 2027
- Phase 3: August 18, 2027

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)

The PROTECT program provides funding to help strengthen transportation infrastructure against severe weather, natural disasters, and other changing environmental conditions. Funding is available through four categories:

1. Planning grants for resilience planning, vulnerability assessments, data tools, and evacuation planning.
2. Resilience Improvement grants for construction projects that make existing transportation infrastructure more resilient.
3. Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes grants for projects that strengthen critical evacuation routes and emergency access.
4. At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure grants for projects that protect vulnerable roads, bridges, trails, and related infrastructure from coastal flooding, erosion, storm surge, and sea level rise.

This funding round also requires applicants to use designated application templates when submitting proposals.

The PROTECT program deadline is:

- Friday, October 9, 2027, 11:59 p.m. EST

The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is:

- September 25, 2026

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

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