



Public Comments Needed on Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The public comment period for Pennsylvania's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), **continues through Wednesday, July 3, 2024**. This program includes prioritized projects for federal, state, local, and private funding over four years. It incorporates 23 regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), the Wayne County TIP, and two statewide programs. The STIP, part of the 12-Year Program (TYP), will be reviewed and adopted by the State Transportation Commission on August 14, 2024, before federal review.

Pennsylvanians can still submit feedback by filling out the online comment form or emailing a fillable form to RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov. The public may also call PennDOT to share their comments at **717-783-2262**. If you have other questions or challenges, contact PennDOT's Bureau of Equal Opportunity to request help by emailing beodot@pa.gov or calling **717-787-5891; TTY (711)**.

All public feedback and survey results will help identify needs and prioritize transportation projects across the state. To learn more about how transportation projects are planned and funded, visit TalkPATransportation.com.



Opening Soon – Funding Available to Repair/Replace Broken or Non-Operational EV Chargers

PennDOT recently announced the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) program to repair and replace non-operational electric vehicle (EV) chargers across the state. Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), this initiative supports improving EV infrastructure, addressing climate change, and enhancing transportation reliability.

The proposal period to pursue funds for EV charger repair or replacement opens on July 2 and closes on August 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM EDT. Pennsylvania has been awarded \$5 million to upgrade non-operational chargers at 174 eligible locations, ensuring that chargers meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards, including operating at least four ports and maintaining over 97 percent uptime.

Further details on this FHWA program are available on the EVC-RAA web page, with additional information and resources on federal grant opportunities at penndot.pa.gov/IIJA. For inquiries, contact ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov.

Additional PA Corridors Eligible for EV Funding

In a recent press release, PennDOT announced an additional group of corridors is eligible for National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Round 1B funding. The additional corridor group, 70B, includes exit 149 (Breezewood) through exit 168 (Warfordsburg), near the Maryland border. The NEVI program aims to expand EV charging infrastructure along Pennsylvania's 1,800 miles of Alternative Fuel Corridors.

Proposals for the new corridor group (70B) are due by August 2, 2024, 5:00 PM EDT. All corridor group 70B proposals must be submitted electronically through the PA Keystone Login web page.

The previously announced 1B corridors remain due by July 10, 2024, 5:00 PM EDT.

Further NEVI details and application materials are available on PennDOT's Apply for NEVI Funds web page.



PA Expands EV Infrastructure with Emlenton Truck Plaza on I-80

Pennsylvania is the third state, following New York and Ohio, to open multiple NEVI-funded charging stations, with the Commonwealth's second station now operational and open to the public in Emlenton, PA as part of the NEVI program. The Emlenton Truck Plaza on I-80 in Venango County supports four 150 kW ports and was funded with \$456,318 from NEVI. The plaza is open 24/7, provides simultaneous charging, has multiple amenities for customers, and is a Pilot dealer location.

PennDOT continues to lead in federal funding utilization and transportation infrastructure development reinforcing its commitment to combatting climate change and providing Pennsylvania drivers with reliable, sustainable transportation options.

New Tool Allows Airports to View the Economic Impact of Facility Updates

An Aviation Economic Impact Calculator was recently unveiled, allowing Pennsylvania's 120 public-use airports to assess the economic impact of potential facility updates. PennDOT created a new tool to calculate updated impacts for airport facilities based on changes in airport activity, business tenants, and visitor spending. The calculator estimates economic impact, including employment, payroll, and output.

Pennsylvania airports benefit from over \$70 million annually from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, with state funding matching these federal investments. The aviation sector in Pennsylvania employs over 226,000 people, provides \$12.5 billion in payroll, and contributes \$34 billion annually to the economy.

For more information on aviation in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT's Airport Planning web page.



USDOT Secretary Visits PA, Touts Federal Investments' Impact

PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll joined USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Governor Josh Shapiro, and various local and elected officials in early June as the secretary toured sites in Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Steelton. Buttigieg spoke with local media about the federal BIL's impact, including [this interview with WGAL](#).



BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight



BIL Discretionary Grants: Open for Applications

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) page on PennDOT's website [offers the latest news and information](#) on federal grant opportunities available through the IIJA, also known as the BIL.

Grant opportunities, application guides, and other resources on federal grant funding are added to the page as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs would benefit your community.

The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Program

The [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\) Program](#) offers funding for projects that use advanced smart city technologies to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The program aims to help communities solve real-world challenges and enhance their data and technology capabilities.

It has two stages:

1. Planning and Prototyping Grants
2. Implementation Grants

Currently, funding is available for Stage 1, with Stage 2 funding opportunities to be announced soon.

Please note, anyone submitting for a SMART grant is asked to reach out to Derrick Herrmann, PennDOT Transformational Technology Division at deherrmann@pa.gov.

- **The deadline for applying is July 12, 2024, 5:00 PM EST.**

Safe Streets and Roads for All

The [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Program](#) offers grants for diverse roadway safety initiatives involving planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational measures. It targets all roadway users, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public transportation users, aiming to prevent fatalities and serious injuries. Grants support the development of tools to enhance community safety approaches tailored to various local, Tribal, and regional needs.

The SS4A Program provides funding for:

- **Planning and Demonstration Grants** – Funding to develop an Action Plan, conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan, and carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of or update to an Action Plan. Applicants can bundle all three activities into one application or request funding for just one. Each applicant can apply for only one grant type, but both grant types allow for Planning and Demonstration projects. The ultimate goal of each supplemental planning and demonstration activity is to develop or update an Action Plan.
 - **The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is:**
 - **August 15, 2024 (Round 3)**
 - **There is one remaining deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants:**
 - **August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM EST**

Applicants may also reapply if not selected if the application is received by the last Planning and Demonstration Grants deadline of August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM EST.

Bridge Investment Program

The goals of the [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\)](#) - [Large Bridge](#) grants are to:

1. Improve safety, efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges;
2. Improve the overall condition of bridges in the United States; and
3. Provide financial assistance that both leverages and encourages non-federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects that will cost more than \$100 million.

- **The deadline for requesting PennDOT support for fiscal year (FY) 2025 is July 1, 2024.**

- **The deadline for applying for FY 2025 funds in this rolling application process* is August 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.**

** Submissions will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is expended or the notice of availability is superseded.*

BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants

The goals of the [BIP - Planning and Bridge Project](#) grants are identical to the above Large Bridge grants, except eligible projects must cost less than \$100 million.

- **Planning grant deadlines for FY 2025:**
 - **Requesting PennDOT support – September 17, 2024**
 - **Applying for funds in rolling application process* – October 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST**
- **Bridge Project grant deadlines for FY 2025:**
 - **Requesting PennDOT support – October 18, 2024**
 - **Applying for funds in rolling application process* – November 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST**

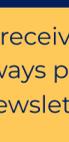
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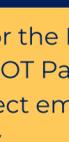
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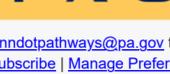


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