

# May 2023 Newsletter



## Michael B. Carroll Confirmed as PennDOT Secretary

Earlier this month, PennDOT announced the Pennsylvania State Senate confirmed **Michael B. Carroll** as the next PennDOT Secretary.

Under the direction of Governor Shapiro, Carroll has prioritized efficiency and customer service at PennDOT and is focused on directly improving the lives of Pennsylvanians through streamlined, helpful services. Carroll has advocated in support of Governor Shapiro's budget, which will provide increased funding for Pennsylvania's roads and bridges while ensuring the critical work of the State Police remains fully funded.

Among other accomplishments since Carroll has taken office, PennDOT has put 229 construction projects out to bid totaling \$869.5 million in value. Additionally, PennDOT has made **more than 20 commonly-used driver licensing and motor vehicle forms available for online submission**, just one week after Governor Shapiro signed an Executive Order establishing the Commonwealth Office of Digital Experience (CODE PA) to improve online services.

"I am honored to have this opportunity, and I'm proud of the team we have assembled to carry PennDOT's important mission forward," said Carroll. "Transportation is central to every aspect of our daily lives, and the PennDOT team is hard at work keeping people across the Commonwealth connected to opportunity and each other. I am honored to carry out Governor Shapiro's vision to ensure PennDOT builds a better future for all Pennsylvanians."

Carroll was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2006 and served as Democratic chair of the House Transportation Committee from 2018 through 2022.

To keep up with Secretary Carroll's work, follow him on **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) | Facebook** and **PA Department of Transportation (@PennDOTNews) / Twitter**. For more information on PennDOT's mission and leadership, visit the **PennDOT website**.



## PROTECT and other Federal Grant Programs Now Open for Applications

The **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)** grant program is now open! PROTECT funding can be used to build community infrastructure resilience in the face of extreme weather and natural disasters. Projects should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional or national surface transportation facilities including highways, public transportation, ports and intercity passenger rail. Projects in the PROTECT program also have the potential to demonstrate innovation and best practices that state and local governments can consider replicating.

**The deadline to apply for this program is August 18, 2023, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals as applicable and may include providing data and subject matter expertise as available.

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is August 4, 2023.**

Following is a list of additional federal grant programs that are also accepting applications:

### Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)

The **CFI program** provides alternative fuels infrastructure grants through two separate grant categories: 1) Community Charging and Fueling and 2) Alternative Fuel Corridor. This program will fund grants to strategically deploy charging and alternative fueling infrastructure located on public roads or in other publicly accessible locations and along designated alternative fuel corridors.

**The deadline to apply for this program is Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

PennDOT will consider providing support for regional grant proposals as applicable. PennDOT support may include offering data and subject matter expertise as available.

PennDOT recognizes the potential this program has to significantly help communities and individuals and will consider how the Department might assist or collaborate with applicants to advance and strengthen competitive proposals. PennDOT will also collaborate with other state agencies where there may be an interest in this program.

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is May 30, 2023.**

### Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The **SS4A program** provides grants to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, motorists and commercial vehicle operators. This program funds the development of tools to strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and saving lives. SS4A funding is designed to meet the needs of diverse local, Tribal and regional communities that differ in size, location and experience administering Federal funding.

**The deadline to apply for this program is Monday, July 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m. EST.**

PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals as applicable and may include providing data and subject matter expertise as available.

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is June 16, 2023.**

### Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP)

The **WCPP is a competitive grant program** with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVC) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. The grant provides funding for construction and non-construction projects. Construction examples include the design and pre-construction of an underpass or overpass for wildlife passage. A non-construction example includes research on safety innovations to reduce WVCs as well as research and monitoring effectiveness of WVC mitigation.

**The deadline to apply for this program is Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

Because PennDOT is required to administer grants for local/regional partners for this program, we must review and approve all applications for this program to ensure the project can be delivered within the budget and schedule proposed by the applicant.

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT's approval is July 11, 2022.**

Information on these and other grant opportunities can be found on PennDOT's **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) website**. Please take a moment to examine these available programs to determine if it is an opportunity that would benefit your community and visit the site often, as additional grant opportunities, application guides and other resources information on federal funding are added as they become available.



## Twelve Year Program (TYP) Update

The State Transportation Commission has officially closed the outreach period of PennDOT's TYP update following a 60-day public comment period and an online public forum held on April 12, 2023. In total, PennDOT received 10,573 surveys, surpassing its 10,000-response goal. General feedback and survey results help identify needs and prioritize transportation projects across the state. Additional details on the TYP are available at **the Talk PA Transportation website**.

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

Want to share information on your social or digital platforms?

Find image, video and other resources in the **Funding Media Center**.

## Contact Us

Website Comment Form: **Click here**



**PennDOTPathways@pa.gov**



**Hotline: 717-325-6129**

You are receiving this email as a partner for the PennDOT Pathways program. To opt out of PennDOT Pathways e-newsletters, please reply to the project email at PennDOTPathways@pa.gov.

