October 2026 Newsletter

Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation
PAthways

New Ideas, Better Transportation: PennDOT Invites Project Proposals

PennDOT is currently accepting unsolicited Public-Private Partnership (P3) proposals through October 31 for innovative transportation projects, infrastructure, and services. The program encourages private-sector innovation in delivering projects across multiple transportation modes, including roads, bridges, rail, aviation, and ports.

Interested organizations can submit proposals that improve project delivery, financing, operations, or transportation-related services. The next unsolicited proposal submission period will open in April 2027, reinforcing the state's ongoing commitment to collaboration with the private sector and to exploring innovative solutions that strengthen transportation systems statewide.

For instructions on submitting a proposal, visit PennDOT's P3 website.



Eight-one Transportation Projects Statewide

The first round of funding from the 2026-27 Budget will provide $250 million for 81 rapid-deployment projects (increased from the original 79) across Pennsylvania, helping advance roadway improvements more quickly and efficiently. As part of a broader $775 million investment over the next 18 months, funding from the Motor License Fund will accelerate repairs to state-owned roads, allowing projects to begin sooner, reducing maintenance costs, preventing further deterioration, and freeing up crews and equipment for additional transportation needs.

These investments will support more than 400 miles of paving in 44 counties and build on recent progress that has improved more than 21,800 miles of roadway and advanced work on nearly 2,000 state and local bridges statewide. By moving projects ahead of schedule, the program will enhance safety, improve reliability, and help keep people and goods moving efficiently throughout the Commonwealth.

The Bipartisan 2026-27 Budget includes investments and priorities to strengthen infrastructure, grow the economy, and improve quality of life across the Commonwealth. Learn more about the approved budget and watch the budget signing ceremony here.

Interested in improvements happening near you? Visit PennDOT's Projects Near You website to explore current and upcoming projects across the Commonwealth.



Second Daily Train Expands Travel Options and Connectivity Across Pennsylvania

Beginning November 18, a second daily round-trip Pennsylvanian train will provide residents with greater flexibility and more convenient travel options between western and eastern Pennsylvania. Made possible through more than $80 million in state investments and $143 million in federal funding, the expanded service builds on ongoing efforts to strengthen rail infrastructure, improve connectivity, and enhance mobility across the state.

The additional service will make it easier for travelers to reach jobs, educational institutions, healthcare services, and tourism destinations, while offering a reliable alternative to long-distance driving. As home to 65 operating railroads and more than 5,500 miles of track, Pennsylvania continues to leverage its extensive rail network to support economic growth, improve quality of life, and expand transportation choices for residents and visitors.

Visit PennDOT's Passenger Rail website to learn more about intercity passenger rail service in Pennsylvania.



Investment Preserves Historic Bridges and Improves Transportation Across Pennsylvania

The Commonwealth is investing $18 million in federal funding to rehabilitate eight locally owned historic metal truss bridges, helping preserve transportation heritage while maintaining safe and reliable local connections. The first project, a historic bridge in Bradford County, was completed in summer 2026 and included structural repairs, cleaning, and repainting.

The Historic Truss Bridge Management program supports the restoration and long-term use of historic bridges for vehicles and, where appropriate, adaptive reuse for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. More than half of Pennsylvania's historic metal truss bridges have been lost over the past two decades, making these preservation efforts critical to protecting both infrastructure and history.

For more information on statewide improvements, visit PennDOT's Statewide Performance Results website. A comprehensive summary of accomplishments and funding can be found in PennDOT's 2025 Annual Report.



In Case You Missed It: Community Charging Applications Open Through March 2027

Pennsylvania communities still have time to apply for funding through PennDOT's Community Charging Program. Recent funding rounds will support publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Commonwealth, helping expand charging access, encourage EV adoption, and strengthen Pennsylvania's growing charging network.

Upcoming Deadlines

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

With more than $100 million in Community Charging investments available statewide, these funding rounds offer an opportunity for local governments, businesses, nonprofits, and other eligible organizations to expand EV charging infrastructure in their communities. 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.



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

Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)

The WCPP provides competitive funding to reduce crashes involving wildlife and vehicles and to improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. Funding is available for both construction projects and activities such as planning, research, and design.

The WCPP deadline is:

- November 16, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST

The deadline for requesting PennDOT approval is:

- November 2, 2026

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

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

Contact Us: PennDOTPathways@pa.gov

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.

This email was sent by penndotpathways@pa.gov to Amy.Hrivnak@hdrinc.com
Not interested? Unsubscribe | Manage Preference | Update profile

PennDOT | 400 North St | Harrisburg, PA 17120