

### Charging Up Pennsylvania—New Stations Coming Statewide

Pennsylvania is taking another major step toward cleaner, more convenient travel with [\\$9 million in new federal funding](#) to build electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along key roads across the Commonwealth. These 12 new projects will strengthen long-distance travel options and connect highway fast charging with the network of local chargers in communities statewide.

This announcement builds on the state’s \$54 million investment in EV infrastructure. Pennsylvania now leads the nation in EV stations built with [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\)](#) funds, with 30 stations open and 53 more on the way. Since the first NEVI site opened in December 2023, Pennsylvania’s public fast chargers have supported over 80,000 charging sessions, powering more than 9.6 million miles of travel, and preventing over 2,000 metric tons of carbon emissions.

To help drivers better understand EV ownership, PennDOT has launched [EVs In Focus](#), a new video series that breaks down common questions in a clear, accessible way. Additional videos are in development, all focused on delivering straightforward, evidence-based information rather than speculation.

[Community Charging funding is also now available](#), beginning in southeastern Pennsylvania and expanding to other regions on a rolling basis. Any publicly accessible site within an eligible region may apply. [A short survey is available](#) to help organizations connect with EV charging station builders and operators, and Community Charging grants are designed to bring chargers directly into neighborhoods, towns, and business districts. Full program details and timelines are available on [PennDOT’s Community Charging Funding Rounds website](#).



### New Grants Strengthen School Bus Safety and Driver Training Statewide

[Nearly \\$250,000 in state funding](#) will help train about 90 new school bus drivers across Pennsylvania. This investment supports CDL training, permits, testing fees, and trainee wages to support safer, more reliable transportation for students.

This funding is part of the School Bus Safety Program, supported by the state law that fines drivers \$300 for illegally passing a stopped school bus. Twenty-five dollars of each fine goes directly to support this safety program. Seven school districts and transportation companies received grants, such as:

- Training 12 new drivers in an Allegheny County district
- Supporting 25 new drivers through a central Pennsylvania bus company
- Preparing 32 new drivers through a multi-county transportation provider

Eligible organizations, including school bus contractors, schools, and municipalities, [can apply for these grants online now through 12:00 AM on April 30, 2026](#). Questions can be emailed to [ra-pdasbegp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pdasbegp@pa.gov), and all program information can be found at [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.** For all pertinent program information, [visit PennDOT’s School Bus Safety website](#). PennDOT’s website also offers [Media Resources](#) for creating safety campaign materials.



### Pennsylvania Municipalities Receive Boost for Local Roads and Bridges Maintenance

[PennDOT announced nearly \\$460.8 million](#) to help municipalities maintain local roads and bridges. This investment—supported by the state gas tax—covers snow removal, pothole repairs, repaving, and other essential maintenance.

[Local leaders can direct the funds](#) based on their communities’ needs. Since 2023, Pennsylvania has invested almost \$1.87 billion in local transportation projects, improving more than 19,500 miles of roads and over 1,700 bridges.

Municipalities maintain about two-thirds of Pennsylvania’s roads, so reliable funding is important. With more drivers shifting to electric and alternative-fuel vehicles, the state is evaluating long-term solutions to continue supporting safe, well-maintained roads as gas tax revenues decline.

Funding amounts are based on population and the miles of qualified local roads maintained. Roads must also meet certain size and safety standards to qualify. Overall, Pennsylvania has 121,000 miles of public roads, and local municipalities maintain 78,000 miles of them, along with more than 6,600 bridges.

### Share Your Input on PennDOT’s Winter Services

Safe travel on Pennsylvania roadways is a top priority for PennDOT year-round. As spring begins, PennDOT is seeking the public’s feedback on its winter services [through an online survey](#).

The 17-question survey is available through April 14, 2026, and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous. The survey asks respondents about their expectations for safe, passable roadways, their ranking of snow-removal priorities, and their rating of PennDOT’s winter services.



### Pennsylvania Rail Corridor Project Reaches Key Milestone

[PennDOT’s Scranton-New York Penn Station \(NYP\) Passenger Rail Corridor](#) has advanced to Step 2 of the [Federal Railroad Administration’s \(FRA\) Corridor Identification and Development Program](#), one of only five projects nationwide to reach this stage. Supported by federal funding from the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#), the project will expand intercity passenger rail in the region.

The project would restore rail service between Scranton, PA, and New York City for the first time since 1970, with three daily round-trip trains along a nearly 140-mile route. The service would use mostly active rail lines, with several miles of track needing reconstruction. In New Jersey, trains would connect to New Jersey Transit commuter lines and then to Amtrak's Northeast Corridor into New York Penn Station.

The project addresses growing travel demand in a heavily traveled corridor and would provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved regions in northeastern Pennsylvania and northwestern New Jersey. It also supports economic growth, enhances tourism, improves access to higher education, and strengthens overall regional mobility.

[A recent public meeting recording](#) is available on the project website. Comments and questions can still be directed to [ra-pdpassengerrail@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pdpassengerrail@pa.gov), and all program information can be found at the [Advancing PA 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

**There are currently no federal grant programs accepting applications.**

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