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Transportation Planning One-On-One Assistance

Are you involved with municipal land use and transportation planning activities? Could your municipality use assistance to help shape a future project, advance community and transportation planning, and access funding? Act now to take advantage of this free assistance.

Free Services to Municipalities

PennDOT Municipal Resources offers free assistance to municipalities to better integrate local land use, development, and transportation goals into the state transportation planning process.

What is planning assistance and who is it for? Any municipal staff member, government official, or planning partner may request free one-on-one assistance for land use and transportation planning or project development.

Types of Planning Assistance: Municipalities may receive assistance via email or phone, or an on-site visit to support face-to-face discussion and collaboration. Assistance can be requested by scanning the QR code, emailing RA-PDMunicipalResources@pa.gov, or by calling 717-710-2090.

1. Phone/Email Assistance: Phone and email assistance offers prompt replies to questions about guidance documents; planning tools; best practices; funding opportunities; PennDOT forms, policies, processes, and standards; and planning partner contacts.

2. On-Site Assistance: A technical expert will be assigned to visit the municipality to evaluate and answer the identified transportation project planning questions. They may offer a half-day meeting on topics related to transportation and land use planning. Municipal officials, municipal staff, and associated stakeholders may be invited to attend. Relevant PennDOT District planners and planning partners from the local Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) are also invited to participate. Support for on-site assistance could include guidance on transportation planning and safety issues, presentation of best planning practices, assistance with planning and design-related issues, and/or support in following planning regulations to help begin or move a project forward. After the meeting, the PennDOT Municipal Resources technical support expert will prepare a report to document the resources and assistance provided.

PennDOT Municipal Resources - Transportation Planning Assistance Request

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Phone: 717-710-2090
PennDOT Website: https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot

What type of assistance is available?

PennDOT Municipal Resources provides support on a wide range of transportation planning, project development, and project delivery topics.

If you are unsure whether the program can assist with your specific needs, please reach out. Staff will work with you to identify available resources and find the appropriate assistance.

Planning for Safety – PennDOT Municipal Resources can assist with:

- Local Road Safety Plan
- Road Safety Audit
- Pedestrian Safety Audit
- Traffic Calming Plan
- Truck Parking
- Main Street Safety Assessment
- Active Transportation Plan
- Safe Streets for All

Planning for Maintenance – Assistance is available for:

- Using GIS to Inventory Assets
- Creating a Pavement Management Plan
- Stormwater Planning

Funding Assistance – Support includes:

- Available Funding Sources State and Federal
- Getting Started with a Grant Application
- Reviewing a Grant Application

General Transportation Planning – PennDOT Municipal Resources can help municipalities with:

- Working with Your MPO/RPO
- Understanding the Process of Getting Projects on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Holding a Public Meeting or Providing a Facilitator

PennDOT Municipal Resources helps communities address transportation challenges, identify opportunities, and leverage the planning and funding resources needed to advance local projects.

PennDOT and its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) planning partners have a long-standing relationship jointly preparing transportation studies, plans, and programs to make the best transportation project investments possible with available resources.

Together, the MPO/RPO planning partners and PennDOT can effectively collaborate and communicate with municipalities — and other community stakeholders (e.g., transit operators, economic development agencies, etc.) — to improve transportation system performance and achieve more livable communities.

The collaborative effort of municipalities, MPO/RPO planning partners, and PennDOT is key to ensuring that opportunities to improve transportation and communities are realized.

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