



PennDOT HOP ClearPath Pilot Program

Streamlining Highway Occupancy Permits
for a Stronger Pennsylvania



What is the PennDOT HOP ClearPath Pilot Program?

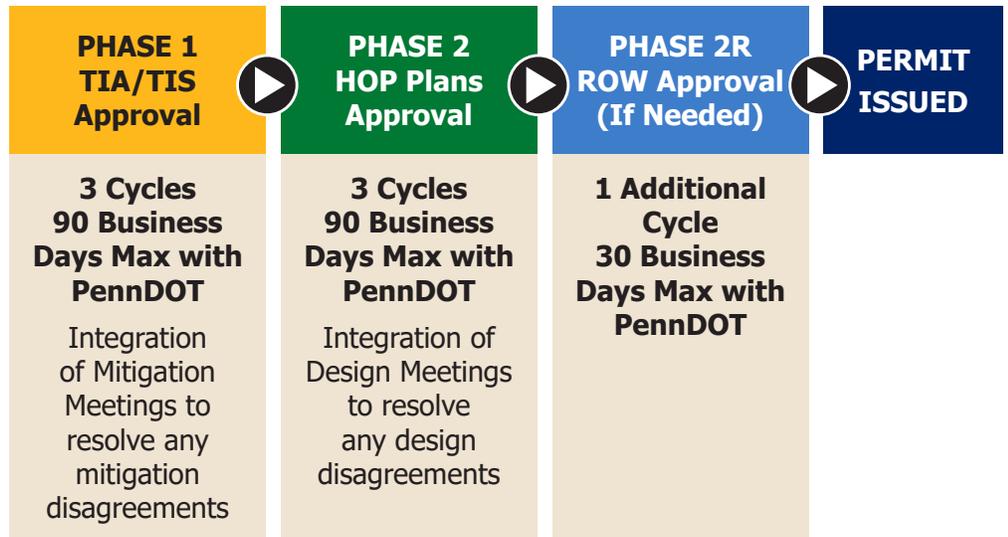
The PennDOT HOP ClearPath Pilot Program is a new initiative developed by PennDOT in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Transformation and Opportunity (OTO). Designed to streamline the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) process, this pilot aims to reduce review timelines and clarify expectations for applicants.

The program supports the Governor’s Executive Order 2023-07, which seeks to eliminate regulatory barriers and promote economic development throughout the Commonwealth. The PennDOT HOP ClearPath Pilot Program introduces structured timelines, accountability, and enhanced communication opportunities to the HOP process.

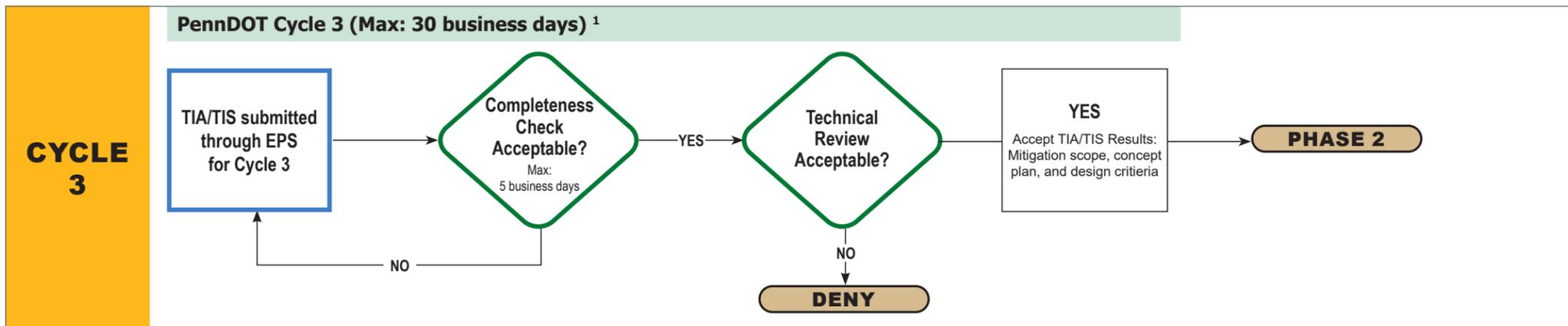
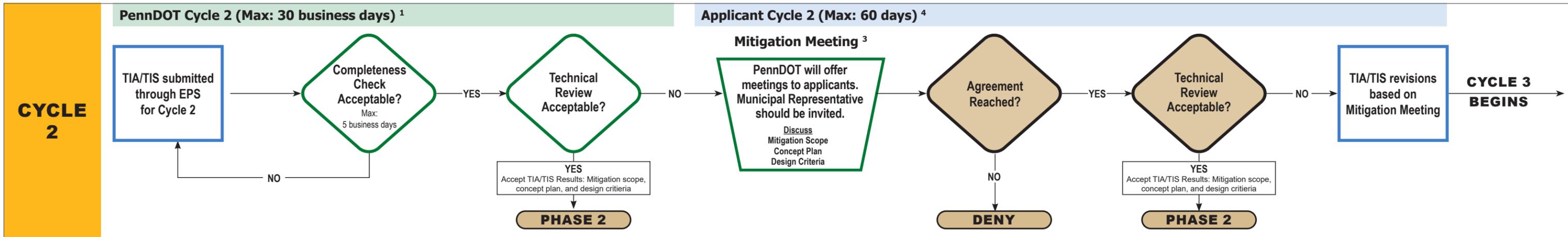
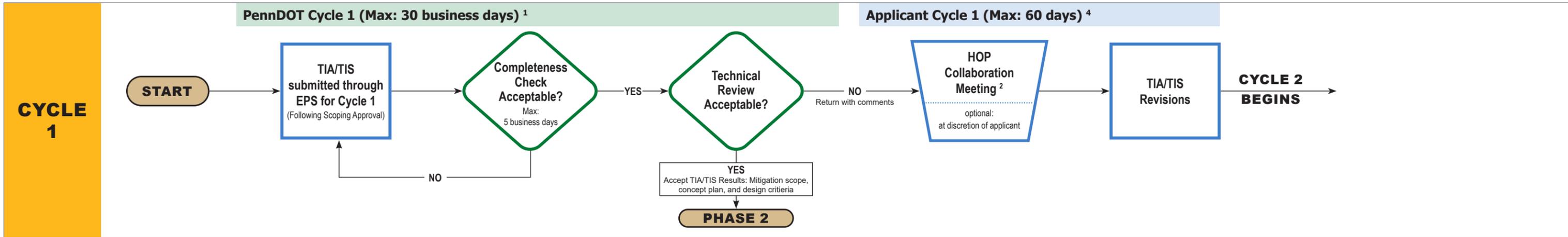
How it Works: A Streamlined Review Process

The PennDOT HOP ClearPath Pilot Program includes several enhancements to ensure faster, more predictable HOP application reviews and decisions:

- **Three-Cycle Limit:** Each phase—TIA/TIS Mitigation Scope and HOP Plan Review—will be limited to a maximum of three cycles.
- **Completeness Check:** PennDOT will check each submission for completeness prior to moving into the technical review. Applicants will receive checklists outlining requirements for each cycle to ensure submissions are complete.
- **Cycle 2 Resolution Focus:** Cycle 2 is designed to resolve any technical concerns between the applicant and PennDOT before moving to a final decision in each phase.
- **Traffic Signal Applications:** All signal applications must be submitted through the Traffic Signal Portal (TSP) in the e-Permitting System (EPS).

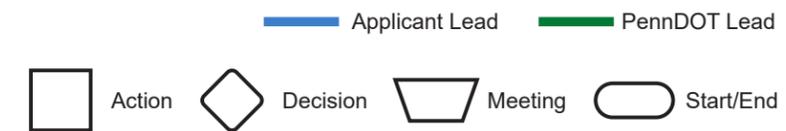


PENNDOT HOP CLEARPATH PILOT PROGRAM PHASE 1: TIA/TIS MITIGATION SCOPE PHASE

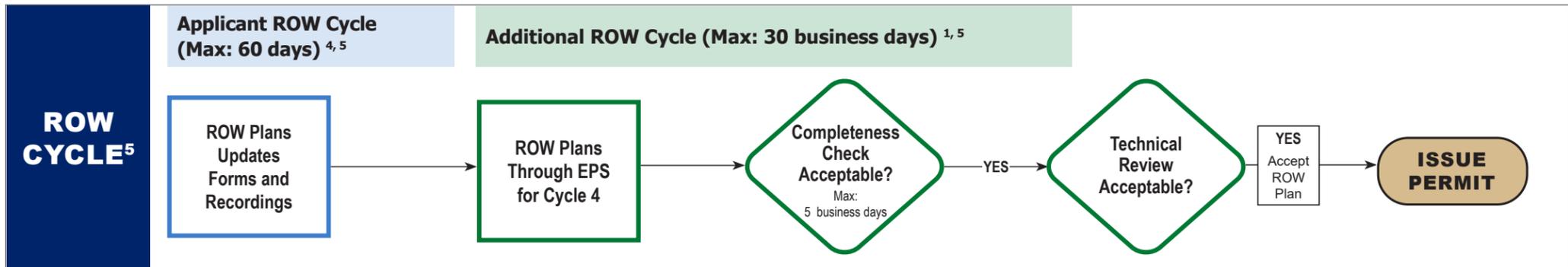
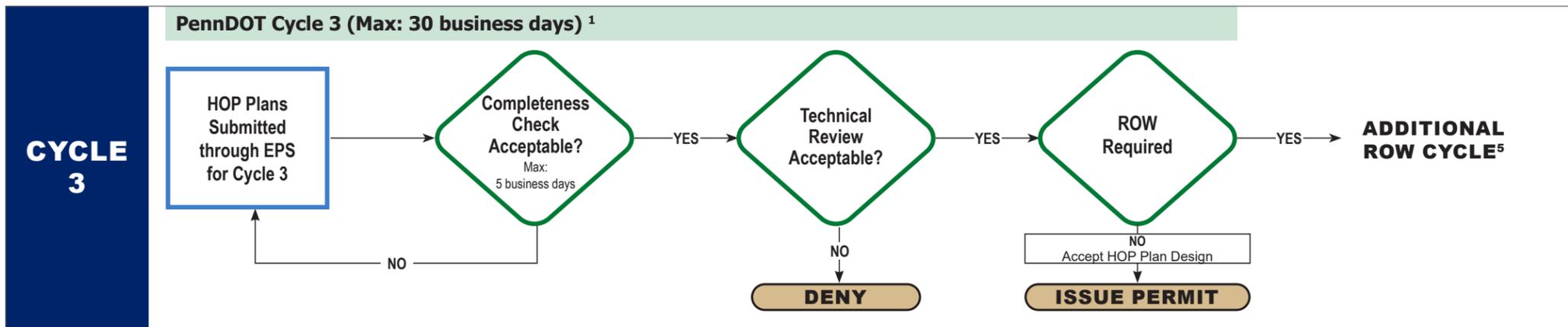
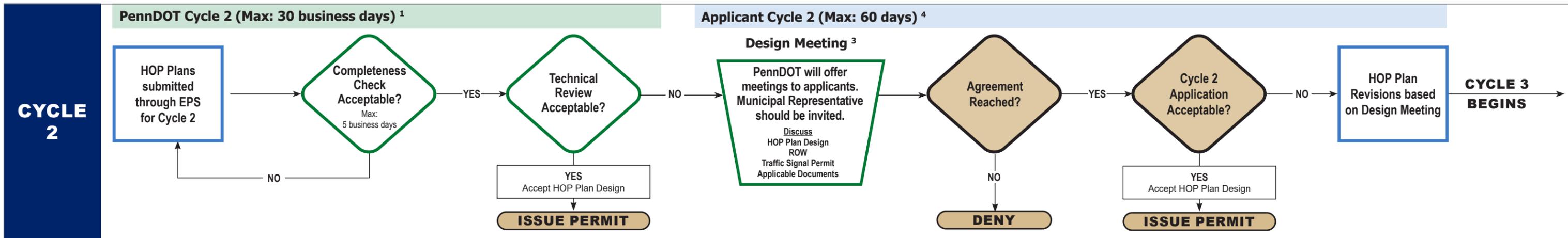
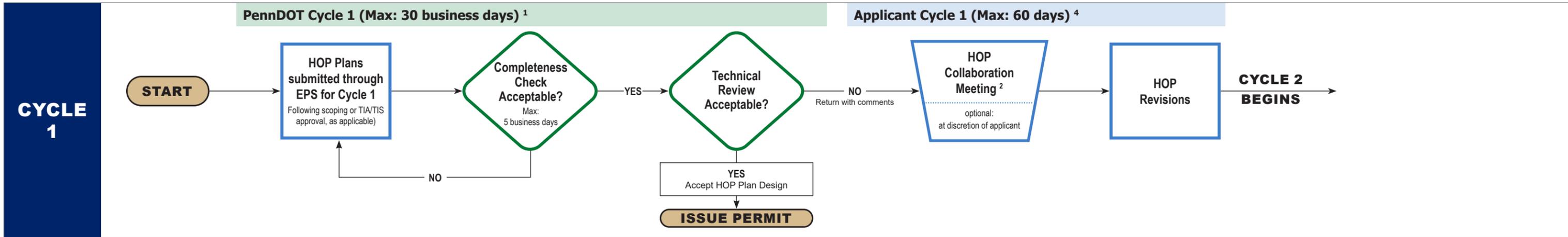


NOTES

1. Payback will occur if PennDOT does not meet the timeline criteria and maximum cycles shown.
2. Refer to SOL 494-24-01: Collaboration Workshops.
3. Mitigation Meeting involves District Leadership to mediate a decision with Applicant and Municipal Representative should be invited
4. 60 days maximum, unless Applicant requests a time extension in EPS.



PENNDOT HOP CLEARPATH PILOT PROGRAM PHASE 2: HOP PLANS PHASE



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1. Payback will occur if PennDOT does not meet the timeline criteria and maximum cycles shown.
2. Refer to SOL 494-24-01: Collaboration Workshops.
3. Design Meeting involves District Leadership to mediate a decision with Applicant and Municipal Representative should be invited.
4. 60 days maximum, unless Applicant requests a time extension in EPS.
5. Additional ROW Cycle, if necessary. In some cases the permit can be issued with ROW conditions in Cycle 3.



Key Enhancements to the HOP Process

1	<p>Completeness Check</p> <p>Before the technical review begins, each submission will be screened for completeness to ensure required information is included.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why? This helps prevent unnecessary delays by ensuring only complete applications proceed. ▪ Review Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete submissions move forward to technical review. ▪ Incomplete submissions are returned without review. ▪ Timeline: Reviews will be completed within five business days.
2	<p>Mitigation/Design Meetings</p> <p>When Cycle 2 reviews identify unresolved issues, a Mitigation/Design Meeting is offered to applicants for consensus before proceeding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose: These meetings provide a structured forum for resolving significant technical issues. ▪ Outcome Scenarios: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement: The project advances. ▪ Disagreement: Without resolution, the HOP application will be denied.

Pilot Program Participation

PennDOT Districts 2-0, 4-0, and 8-0

- All commercial driveway (low, medium, and high-volume) and local road applications will be included.

PennDOT District 6-0

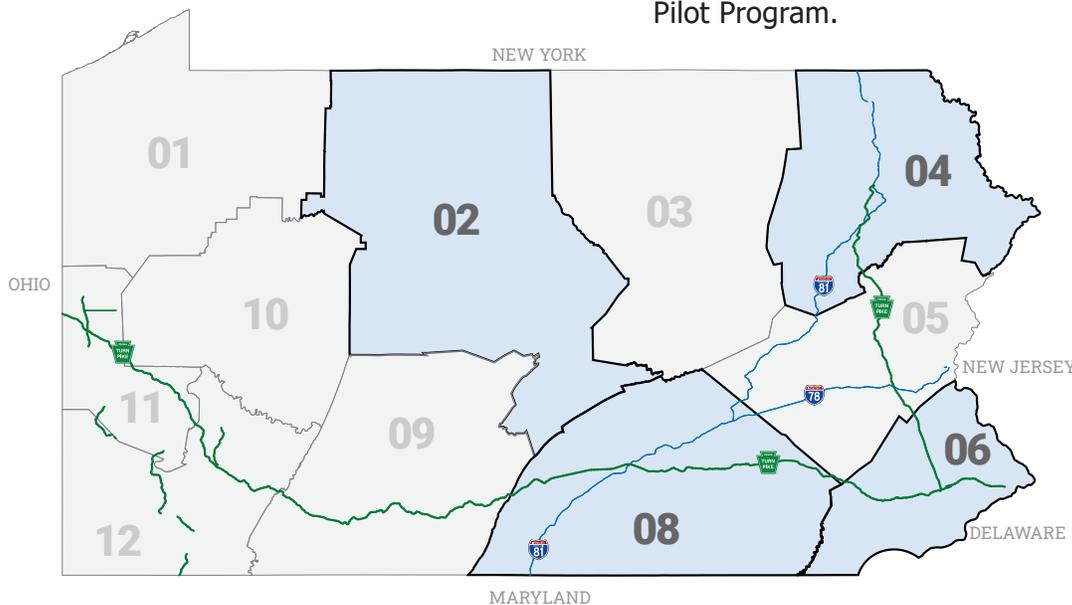
- All Low-Volume Driveway applications will be included.

Pilot Monitoring

- Districts will monitor performance, track outcomes, and evaluate enhancements.
- The pilot does not change any steps within the ePermitting System (EPS).
- Applicants are encouraged to provide feedback on the pilot.

Pilot Program Schedule

- The Pilot Program was implemented August 18, 2025. Only applications submitted after this date will be included in the program. Current applications within EPS will not be part of the Pilot Program.



District 2-0

Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, Potter

District 4-0

Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming

District 6-0

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia

District 8-0

Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York

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