



PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources

2024 MUNICIPAL OUTREACH/ PEER EXCHANGE



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SESSION OBJECTIVES AND OVERVIEW

To engage participants in an exchange of ideas, empower communities through collaborative transportation planning, and help municipalities access the wide variety of PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources.



This session will highlight these primary focus areas:

- District Connects activities
- Community visioning
- IIJA/BIL Grant updates
- Partnerships



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SESSION OBJECTIVES AND OVERVIEW (CONT.)

- A. Introductions
- B. PennDOT Connects Process
- C. District Spotlight
- D. Visioning Activity
- E. PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources Overview
- F. Update IIJA/BIL Grant Opportunities and Available Support
- G. Other Resources (PA Dept. of Health, DCED, DCNR)
- H. Open Discussion from Registration Questions
- I. Program Summary and Open Forum



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ACTION STEPS

- ✓ Visit the US DOT Navigator site to familiarize yourself with the process (<https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>) and active/forecasted grants (<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencyCode=DOT>).
- ✓ Consider holding a visioning workshop for your community.
- ✓ Connect with your DCED and DCNR regional contacts.
[DCED regional contacts](#)
[DCNR regional contacts](#)
- ✓ Connect with your PennDOT district on planning considerations or upcoming projects.
- ✓ Complete the feedback form on today's session.



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INTRODUCTIONS

Participants and Facilitator

Name and Organization



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POLL

**Did you know about the PennDOT
Connect Municipal Resources before
this presentation?**

Yes

No



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POLL

**Have you taken advantage of the
PennDOT Connects Municipal
Resources?**

Yes

No



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PENNDOT CONNECTS PROCESS



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WHAT IS PENNDOT CONNECTS?

- A holistic approach to planning to...
 - Support a community's vision.
 - Increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
 - Ensure the best allocation of resources.

PennDOT and planning partners **invest in communities** by **engaging local governments** *prior* to developing project scopes and cost estimates to discuss details for each project.



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VALUE OF MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION

- Municipalities can communicate the transportation needs of their community – such as those related to safety, mobility, and the environment – now and in the future.
 - At the beginning of the planning process (e.g., bicycle, pedestrian, transit, freight, utilities, etc.).
 - In cooperation with planning partners.
 - To identify creative solutions to sustain and expand mobility in their community.

The outcome of this partnership will deliver projects that **improve economic competitiveness, access to work, and overall quality of life** for residents and visitors to their community.



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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- PennDOT Connects begins when a project begins
- Connects is about completing the Project Initiation Form (PIF)
- Connects is just something that the District does



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DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION



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VISIONING ACTIVITY



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WHAT IS VISIONING?



A Planning Technique:

- Emphasizes community assets and desires rather than issues and needs.
- Focuses on visualization and holding the perspective of what's possible.
- It's part of the larger activity of strategic planning
- It produces a product – the vision statement.

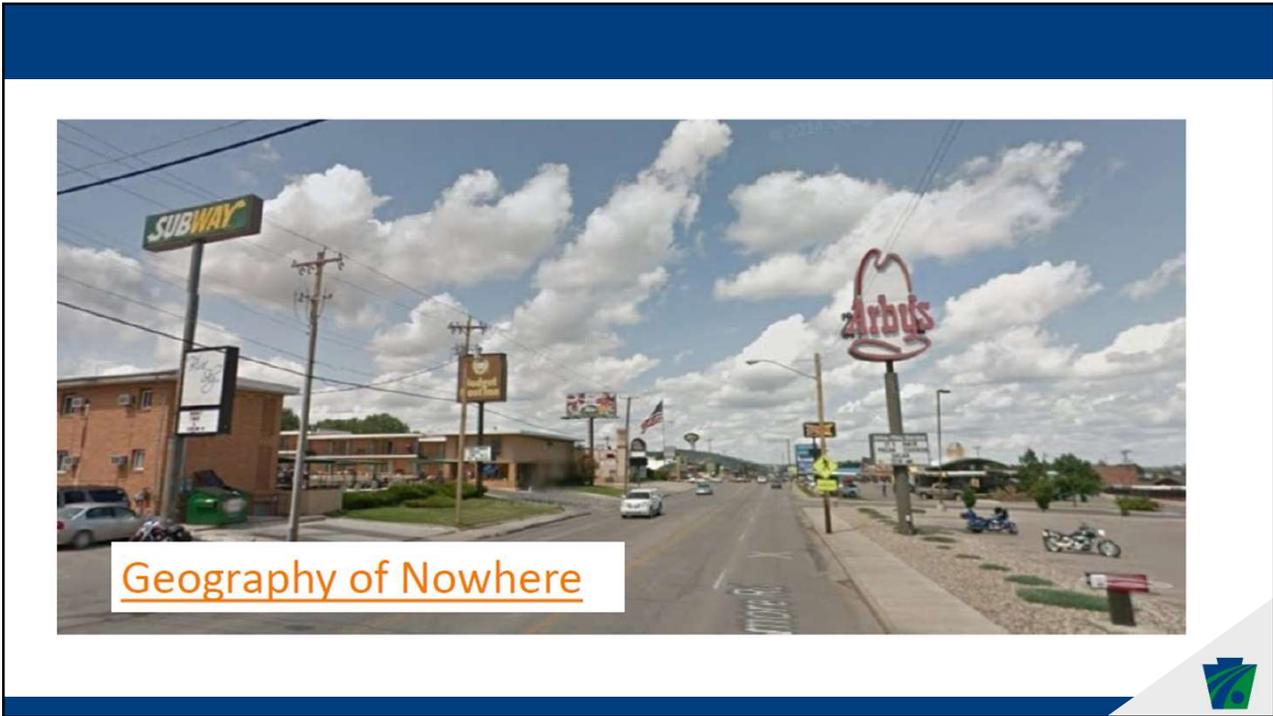


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ELEMENTS OF A VISION STATEMENT



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VISUALIZING PUBLIC SPACE

Streets as Public Spaces

Streets for motorized vehicles, bikes (non-motorized) and people

Car dominated street



Changing the space – Streets as Public Space



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Existing conditions (Hampden Township)



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Move utilities underground



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Streetscape improvements: curbing, sidewalks, bike lanes



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Build to the sidewalk – focus on form



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Add street trees and landscaping. Appeal to other transportation modes. Enhance road safety.



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VISUALIZATION TOOLS



Street Life – Foot Traffic – Enhanced Public Transit
 Vibrant streetscapes are the cornerstone of healthy economies



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VISIONING IS SCALABLE



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VISIONING WORKSHOP CHECKLIST



- Select facilitators and recorders
- Prepare handouts (existing visions/goals)
- Prepare visuals to place around room (other places)
- Select questions for brainstorming and select interactive engagement activity

PennDOT Connects Can Help!



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WHERE DO YOU GET INSPIRATION?

- We have access to fresh fruits and vegetables with a local farmers market.
- There is a rich variety of choices for local shopping and dining.
- We have a central park that allows for various community events, recreational and sporting activities.
- Our land use patterns promote active living.



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VISIONING ACTIVITY

- Picture your own community in 2030.
- List key characteristics of that future condition, considering the vision statement elements.



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PENNDOT CONNECTS MUNICIPAL RESOURCES OVERVIEW



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KEY ROLES

- MPO/RPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization/Rural Planning Organization) Administrative Staff
- PennDOT Municipal Services
- PennDOT Districts
- PennDOT Central Office and Connects Team



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PROGRAM RESOURCES

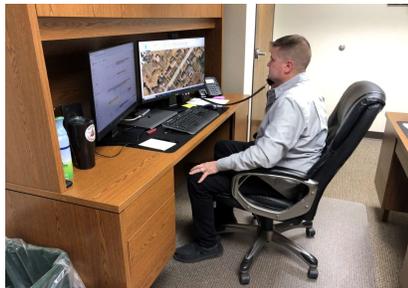
- On-Demand Online Training
- Transportation and Land Use Planning Assistance
- Training Courses and Workshops
- Drop-Ins (recorded)
- Newsletter/Tech Sheet
- PennDOT Connects Webpage



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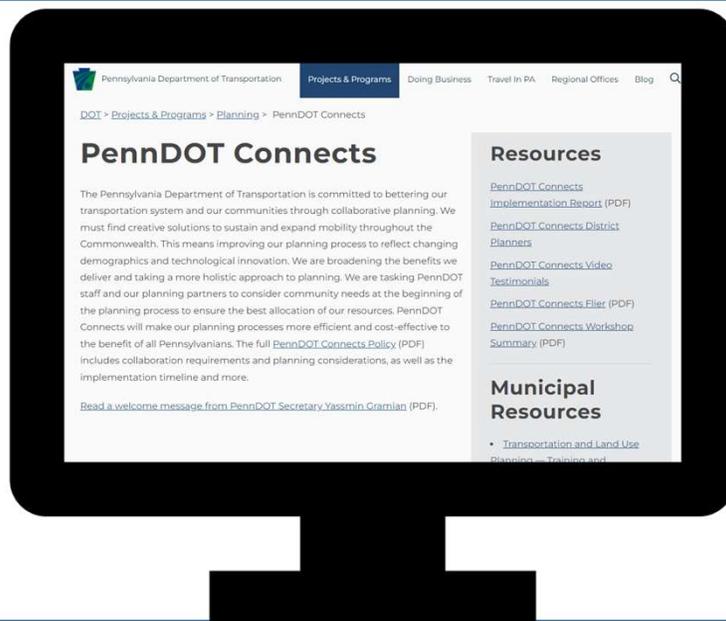
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE PLANNING ASSISTANCE

- Phone/Email questions answered by planning experts
- Onsite half-day session with planning experts



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PENNDOT CONNECTS WEBPAGE



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REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

- Fill out the [Assistance and Training Request Form](#)
- Visit the [Municipal Resources for Land Use and Transportation Planning webpage](#) on the PennDOT website



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ASSISTANCE EXAMPLES

- **Local Road Safety Plan**
 - South Whitehall Twp., Lehigh Co.
 - Shiremanstown Borough, Cumberland Co.
 - West Pikeland Twp., Chester Co.
 - Dover Twp., York Co.
- **Road Safety Audit**
 - Lancaster Twp., Lancaster Co.
- **Active Transportation Plan**
 - South Whitehall Twp., Lehigh Co.
- **Benefit Cost Analysis**
 - North Central Planning
- **Main Street Safety Assessment**
 - Shiremanstown Borough, Cumberland Co.
- **Traffic Calming Policy**
 - South Whitehall Twp., Lehigh Co.
- **Local Share Account Statewide Grant App.**
 - West Pikeland Twp., Chester Co.
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- **Multimodal Grant Application Review**
 - Jonestown Borough, Lebanon Co.
- **Walking Audit**
 - Borough of Hummelstown, Dauphin Co.
- **GIS**
 - City of Hazleton, Luzerne Co.
 - Shohola Twp., Pike Co.
 - Delaware Twp., Pike Co.
 - Palmyra Twp., Pike Co.
 - Womelsdorf Borough, Berks Co.



Dover Twp. working on their Local Road Safety plan



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ASSISTANCE FLYER



Request Free Planning 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.

PennDOT Connects 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 is eligible to request free assistance for land use and transportation planning or project development.

Types of Planning Assistance: Depending on the nature of a request, municipalities will receive assistance via email or phone to supply technical resources or know-how. In selected cases, an on-site visit may be necessary to facilitate face-to-face discussions and collaboration. Assistance can be requested via the PennDOT Connects Municipal Request form, by email at pmconnects@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, success stories, funding opportunities, PennDOT forms, policies, processes, and standards and planning partner contacts.
2. **On-Site Assistance:** With on-site assistance, municipalities have the opportunity to work with a PennDOT Connects expert on a more detailed request specific to their community and transportation project planning and programming issues.

The technical expert will visit on-site and meet with the municipal officials, associated stakeholders, and meet with the municipal officials and associated stakeholder at a half-day workshop-style meeting.

Relevant PennDOT District planners and planning partners from the local Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization are invited to participate in the on-site visit.

Support for on-site assistance could include guidance and facilitation on addressing planning and safety issues, presentation of research on best planning practices, assistance with specific 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 Connects technical support expert will prepare a report to document the resources and assistance provided.

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

This strategic alliance is now of even greater importance for PennDOT Connects implementation. Together, the MPO/RPO planning partners and PennDOT can effectively collaborate and communicate with municipalities – and other community stakeholders (e.g., local 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.

MPO/RPO contacts can be found at <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectInfo/RegionalPlanning/Plans/MPOandRPOContactList.aspx>.

What type of assistance is available?
 Any question related to transportation planning, project development, or project delivery. To help, PennDOT Connects provides the following key categories (sample questions are provided for each category):

1. **PennDOT Connects General Information**
 - What is the project initiation form?
 - What state road projects are planned for neighboring municipalities?
 - What projects in any surrounding region are on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?
2. **Community Character**
 - What plans do we need to have in place to prepare for future road projects that might impact our community's sense of place?
 - What type of data do we need to collect to support a local priority of walkability?
3. **Multimodal Transportation**
 - How can we better plan for sidewalks and bike path expansions? How do we get started with this process?
 - What is the best way to control access to nonconforming uses/businesses and improve safety in our downtown business district when sidewalks are added?
4. **Improving Mobility and Efficiency**
 - What can be done to better manage access for locally generated traffic along key highway corridors?
 - How do we reclaim our Main Street when our current roadway system emphasizes mobility (for cars) over accessibility?
5. **Improving Safety**
 - How can we incorporate safer pedestrian crossings on the main state road undergoes repaving? Is there funding available to pay for safety enhancements?
 - How do we moderate driving behavior and address safe walking to schools to improve safety on state routes within our community?
6. **Funding**
 - We need help in developing a funding strategy to upgrade the curb and sidewalks. How do we ensure early coordination of maintenance projects scheduled by PennDOT to address ADA design at the intersections of local and state routes?
 - What funding resources are available to improve bike accessibility?
 - We are looking at a funding, but don't know where to start. What resources are available?
 - We have completed a funding application. How can we make our application more competitive?
7. **Protecting Natural Resources**
 - What can be done to preserve key areas eventually needed for public purposes, such as parks, wetland protection, or new roadways?
8. **Accommodating Growth and Redevelopment**
 - What techniques can be used to manage growth around a planned highway interchange?
 - How can our municipality use the PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) process to plan for growth and implement access management practices?
9. **Economic Development**
 - What is the best way to coordinate with PennDOT on a Main Street Program?
 - Is there funding available to get us started with planning and implementing a Main Street Program?
10. **Stormwater Management**
 - We use a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) community and value our stormwater as a natural resource. What is the best way to introduce green infrastructure into our policy and regulations?

For more information:
717-710-2090 or pmconnects@pa.gov




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UPDATE IJA/BIL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND AVAILABLE SUPPORT



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PENNDOT CONNECTS GRANT ASSISTANCE

PennDOT Connects Municipal Assistance:

- *The Guide for Developing IJA/BIL Grant Proposals* provides a step-by-step approach to preparing for and pursuing federal grants.
- PennDOT Connects Assistance complements services provided by MPOs/RPOs.





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GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

In advance of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) being issued:

Step 1

Identify and Analyze Opportunities



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Step 2

Maintain Situational Awareness of Upcoming Grants



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Step 3

Review Active Project Lists



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EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

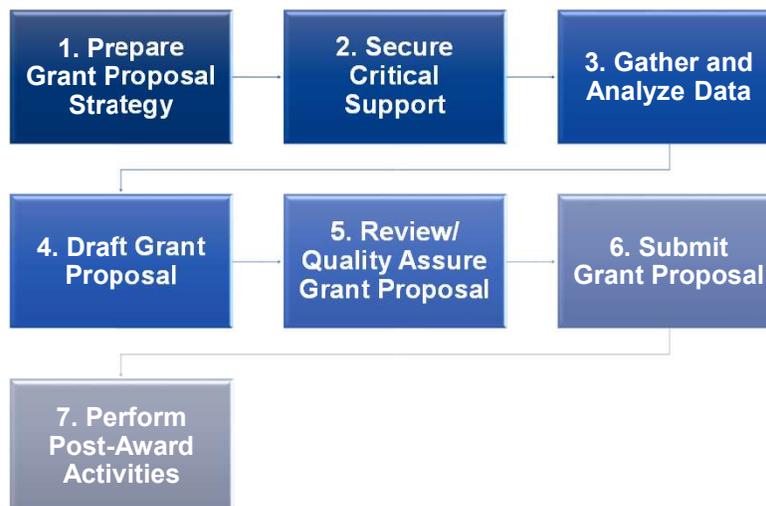
- Provide registration help in Grants.gov and SAM for federal grants or different PA portals.
- Prepare a grant outlook for identified projects.
- Align potential funding sources with desired projects.



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GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

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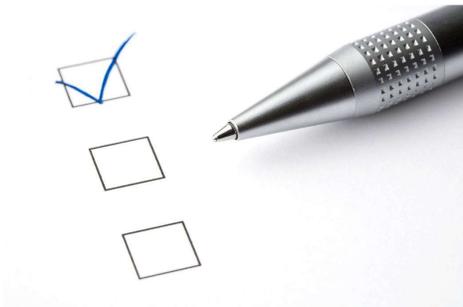


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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 1

1. Prepare Grant Proposal Strategy

- Align project objectives to grant program goals.
- Develop high-level outline of project (a “sell sheet”).
- Provide NOFO summaries and submission checklists.
- Align project objectives to relevant local and regional planning documents.



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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 2

2. Secure Critical Support

- Show how the project satisfies and achieves the NOFO's criteria.
- Highlight benefits to supporters.
- Provide template Letters of Support.



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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 3

3. Gather and Analyze Data

- Develop mapping/graphics.
- Provide SME input.
- Identify relevant statistical data.
- Conduct Budget Reviews.
- Conduct BCA Reviews.

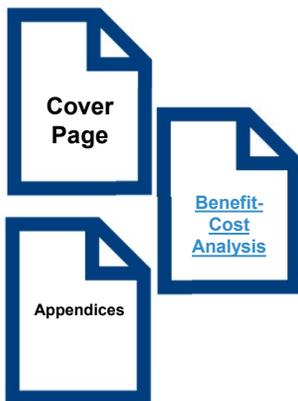


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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 4

4. Draft Grant Proposal

- Assist with the completion of federal and state forms and navigation of various grant portals.



<p>GRANT RFP</p> <p>PROJECT LOCATION:</p> <p>PROJECT SPONSOR(S):</p> <p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION/ABSTRACT</p> <p>CHALLENGE AND SOLUTION</p> <p>PROJECT REQUIREMENTS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACTIVITY</th> <th>PROJECT/DATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A. Grant Application Period</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Prior to Final Grant Submission</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. After Final Grant Submission</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Underwriting Period</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. Underwriting Review</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. Revision and Final Report</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTIVITY	PROJECT/DATE	A. Grant Application Period		B. Prior to Final Grant Submission		C. After Final Grant Submission		D. Underwriting Period		E. Underwriting Review		F. Revision and Final Report		<p>PROJECT OUTCOME CRITERIA</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>A. Grant Application Period</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Prior to Final Grant Submission</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. After Final Grant Submission</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Underwriting Period</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. Underwriting Review</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. Revision and Final Report</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>EVALUATION PLAN</p> <p>FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>GRANT FUNDS, SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDING</p>	A. Grant Application Period		B. Prior to Final Grant Submission		C. After Final Grant Submission		D. Underwriting Period		E. Underwriting Review		F. Revision and Final Report	
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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 5

5. Review/ Quality Assure Grant Proposal

- Review project narratives, budget narratives, supplementary materials, and graphics.
- Review draft grant packages.
- Conduct application completeness checks.



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AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FOR STEP 6

6. Submit Grant Proposal

- Provide summary of post-award requirements.
- Provide submission markups for resubmission, if/when desired.
- Assist with post-award project implementation planning.



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STATE AGENCIES THAT PARTNER WITH PENNDOT:



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)



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Introduction to WalkWorks

Better Public Health Through Environmental Design – Infrastructure for Safety and Physical Activity



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WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?



Connecting Activity-Friendly Routes to Everyday Destinations



Active transportation is any self-propelled, human-powered mode of transportation, such as walking or bicycling. Use of the term “active transportation” highlights the growing recognition of the connection between public health outcomes and transportation planning.

- 2019 Pennsylvania Active Transportation Plan

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WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?

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non-human active travel | **active travel** | **low speed modes** | **micromobility**

non-motorised | **assisted** | **motorised**

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Department of Transportation

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WHO IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR?

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WHO IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR?



**Bike/ped infrastructure is not just for the bold and fit –
Not just about business or tourists – not just towns or trails –
Safe streets for everyone -- all ages, all abilities, all zip codes**

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WHY DO WE NEED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
BUILDS A
HEALTHY AND STRONG AMERICA

THE PROBLEM

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SAVES LIVES AND PROTECTS HEALTH
It could also prevent:

- 1 in 10 premature deaths could be prevented by getting enough physical activity
- 1 in 8 cases of breast cancer
- 1 in 8 cases of colorectal cancer
- 1 in 12 cases of diabetes
- 1 in 15 cases of heart disease

“If you could package physical activity into a pill, it would be the most effective drug on the market.”

Dr. Ruth Petersen, Director of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity

2017 DESIGN OF AIRBUS HEALTH CARE COSTS are associated with inadequate physical activity.

- Improves muscular fitness
- Improves bone health
- Promotes favorable body composition
- Improves attention and some measures of academic performance (with school physical activity programs)
- Improves aerobic fitness
- Improves mental health
- Improves cognitive function
- Reduces arthritis symptoms
- Prevents weight gain
- Improves balance
- Improves joint mobility
- Extends years of active life
- Helps prevent weak bones and muscle loss
- Delays onset of cognitive decline

IMPACT ON MILITARY READINESS

Long-term military readiness is at risk unless a large-scale change in physical activity and nutrition takes place in America.

Mission Readiness
Military Leaders for Kids

About 1 in 4 YOUNG ADULTS is too heavy to serve in our military.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BENEFITS COMMUNITIES

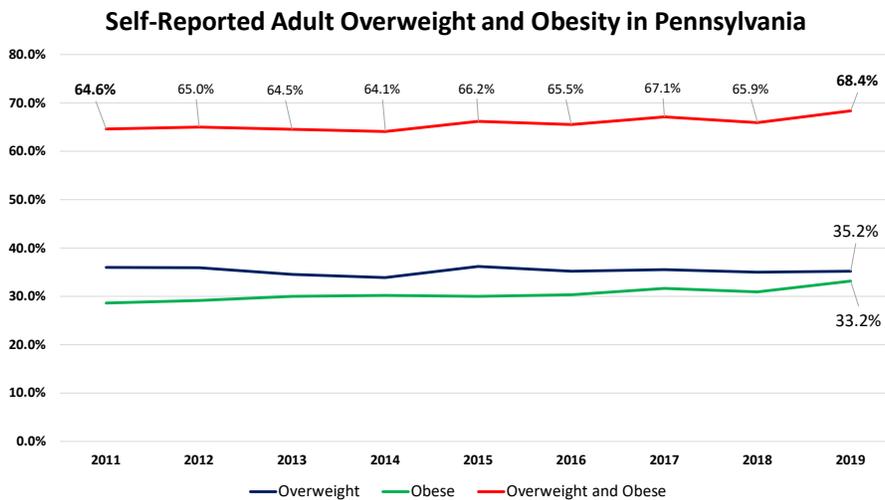
- ECONOMIC:** Building active and walkable communities can help:
 - Increase levels of retail economic activity and employment.
 - Increase property values
 - Support neighborhood revitalization
 - Reduce health care costs
- SAFETY:** Walkable communities can improve safety for people who walk, ride bicycles, and drive.
- WORKFORCE:** Physically active people tend to take fewer sick days.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/napa

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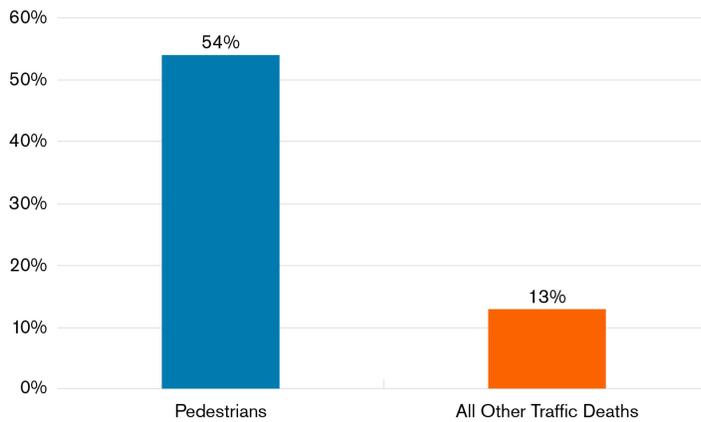


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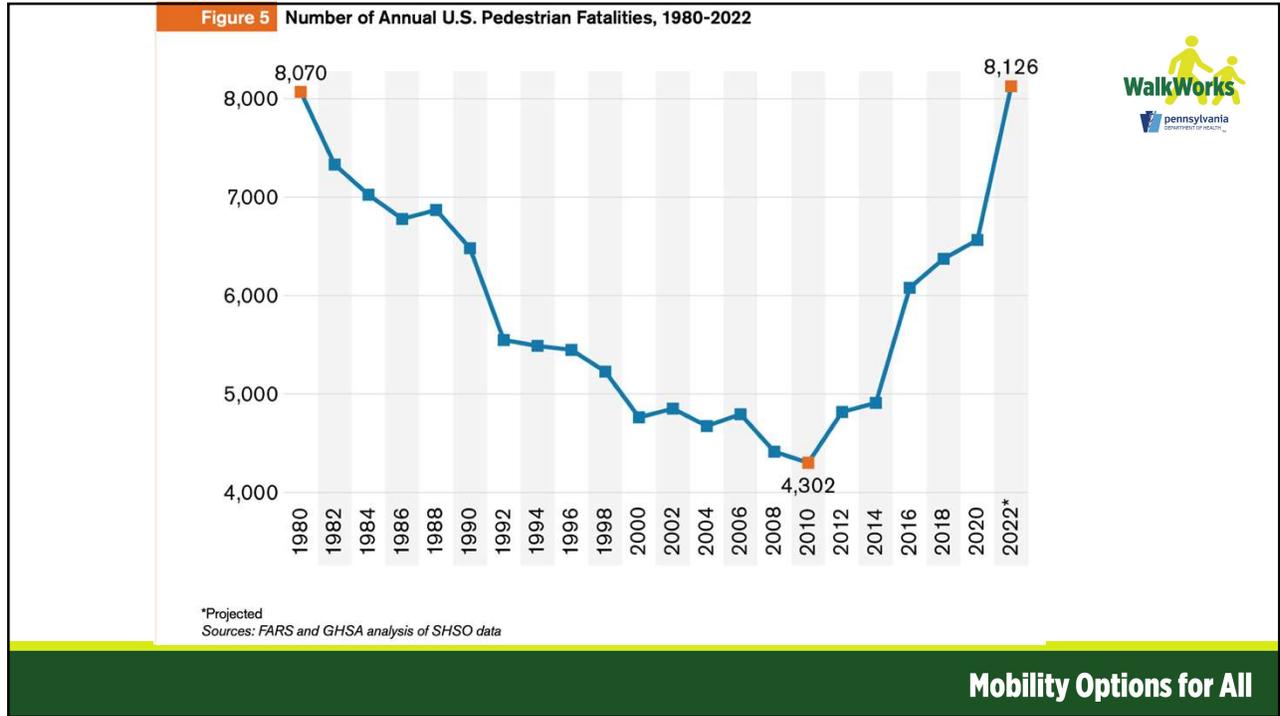
Pedestrian Deaths Are Increasing Faster Than All Other Traffic Fatalities

Percent Increase in Number of Traffic Deaths, 2010-2020

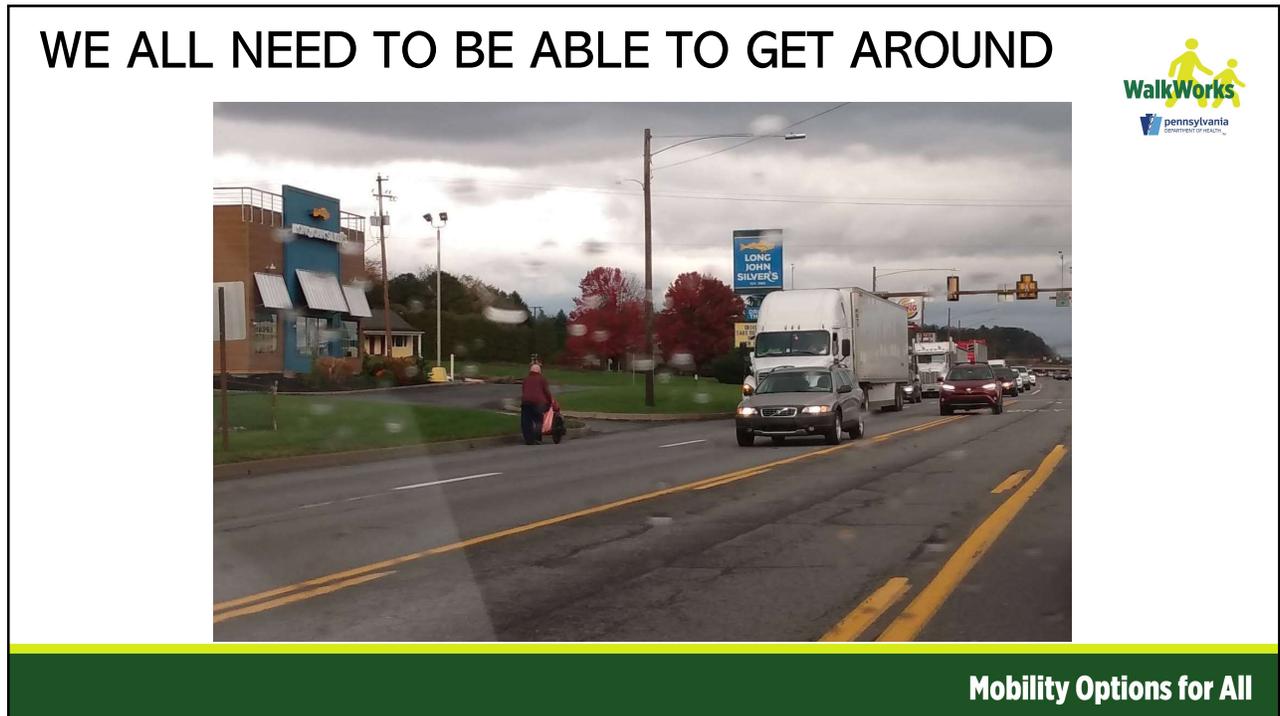


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“THESE ROADS ARE KILLING ME!”



Hard on cars

Wide, smooth roads without accommodations for non-car users **are more dangerous** for people walking and biking. In addition, such roads **encourage more driving, reducing** the likelihood of people getting needed, **healthful physical activity.**



Hard on people

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WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?



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SHIFTING MODES



- Mode shift does not just happen
- People driving everywhere now are
 - Behaving rationally
 - Responding to existing conditions
 - A result of policy and design
- Plan and build for what we want
 - Project future growth in active travel
 - Build to those levels
- Provide modes to choose from
 - Give reluctant and non-drivers options

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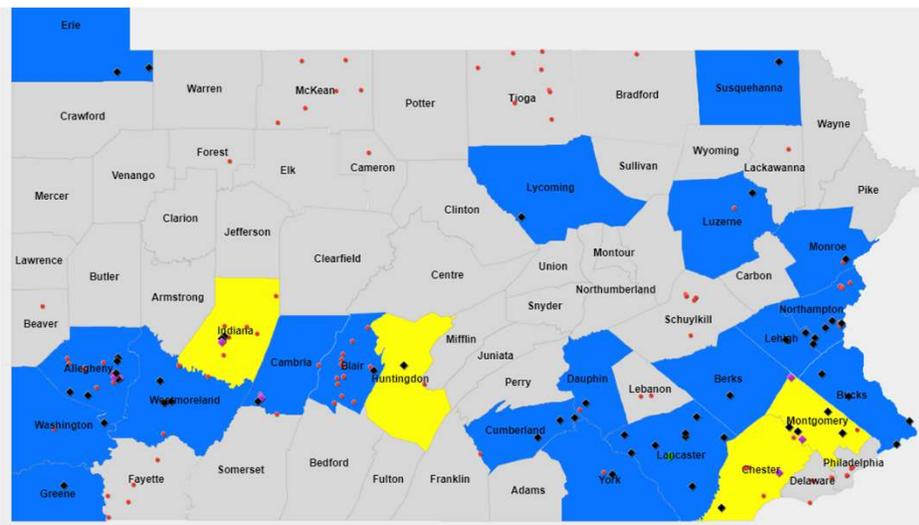
WalkWorks Program

- Promotes active transportation
- Provides technical assistance
- Administers mini-grants for municipal active transportation plan development – and capacity-building pre-planning

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WALKWORKS PLANNING & ROUTE LOCATIONS



- KEY**
- County Planning
 - Municipal Planning
 - WalkWorks Routes
 - AT Plan
 - Policy
 - AT Plan & Policy

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WALKWORKS PLANNING GRANT SCHEDULE



Date	Action
January 10, 2024	Funding Opportunity announced
February 7, 2024	Informational webinar
March 22, 2024	Application due
June 3, 2024	Awardees informed
April 30, 2025	Draft AT plan submission
June 30, 2025	AT Plan adoption

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CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Baby Steps!

Date	Action
Before	Consider applying
April 2024	Funding Opportunity announced
May 2024	Applications due
July 2024	Awardees informed
September 2024	Attend Intro to AT Webinar
July-Nov 2024	Site Visit from PDC or LTAP
Sept 2024-Jan 2025	Consultant Assist on Scope & Budget
Oct 2024-Jan 2025	Mobility Audit/Outreach Event
March 2025	Apply for ATP Funding

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Next Steps Dream Big, But Start Small



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HOW TO SUPPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Sign up for the WalkWorks newsletter – register here: bit.ly/WWnews2022
- Spread word about WalkWorks Funding Opportunities – and other resources for communities – [visit pawalkworks.com](https://pawalkworks.com)
- Policy spotlight on PPAC ([Pedestrian Pedalcycle Advisory Committee](#)) – next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 1-3pm, Harrisburg/hybrid
- Attend the Statewide Active Transportation Summit – June 26, 2024, in York, PA – visit padowntown.org/crossing-the-road

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Resources



POLICY

- [ACA Preventive Health](#)
- [Active People/Healthy Nation](#)
- [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#)
- [Complete Streets Design Approach](#)
- [Justice 40 Initiative](#)
- [Dutch Sustainable Safety](#)

DESIGN GUIDES

- [Countermeasures That Work](#)
- [Small Town & Rural Multimodal Networks](#)
- [Bikeway Selection Guide](#)
- [Designing for All Ages & Abilities](#)
- [Roadway Cross-Section Reallocation Guide](#)
- [Art in the Right-of-Way Toolkit \(MD\)](#)

ORGANIZATIONS

- [Vision Zero Network](#)
- [National Complete Streets Coalition](#)
- [Pedestrian Bicycle Info Center](#)
- [National Center for Rural Road Safety](#)

FUNDING SOURCES

- [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#)
- [Safe Routes to School \(w/ PennDOT TASA\)](#)
- [Statewide Local Share Account \(DCED\)](#)
- [WalkWorks](#)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED)



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OTHER RESOURCES: DCED – “EMERGING” OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING



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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING REGIONAL MAP



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Email: ra-dcedclgs@pa.gov



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John McGranor

SOUTHWEST
Katie Wickert
Stephanie Edwards

CENTRAL
Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy
Rachel Reznick
Nick Cannistraci

SOUTHEAST
Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy

NORTHEAST
Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy
Chris Chapman
Rachael Hobbs

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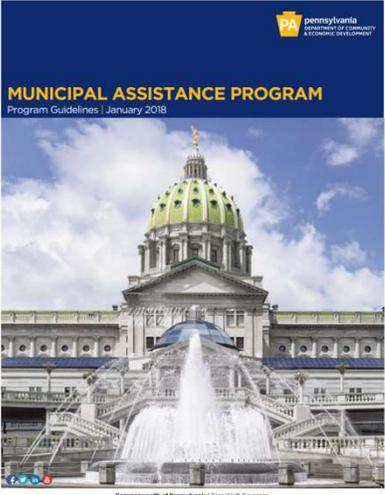


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MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)



- **Planning** – comprehensive plans, multi-municipal plans, zoning ordinances, updates, revitalization plans
- **Shared Services** – provides a service/benefit to more than one municipality
- **50% match**

For more information visit:
<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/municipal-assistance-program-map/>



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POLICE, FIRE AND EMS STUDIES



DCED Fire & Emergency or Police Services

- Technical & financial assistance for emergency service partnerships, mergers and consolidations with police, fire and EMS.
- Current and former police, fire and EMS serve as peer consultants to increase efficiency



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POLICE, FIRE AND EMS STUDIES

Technical assistance offerings provided at no cost to municipalities include studies of:

- Merger/Consolidation/ Regional Feasibility
- Cost Analysis
- Emergency Services Evaluation
- Emergency Services Management
- Apparatus and Equipment



For more information visit:

<https://dced.pa.gov/local-government/fire-emergency-services/>
<https://dced.pa.gov/local-government/police/>



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DISCUSSIONS AND WRAP-UP



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OPEN DISCUSSION



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PROGRAM SUMMARY

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. District Spotlight
- C. PennDOT Connects Process
- D. Visioning Activity
- E. PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources Overview
- F. Update IIJA/BIL Grant Opportunities and Available Support
- G. Other Resources (DCED, DCNR, PA Dept. of Health)



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OPEN FORUM



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ACTION STEPS

- ✓ Visit the US DOT Navigator site to familiarize yourself with the process (<https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>) and active/forecasted grants (<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencyCode=DOT>).
- ✓ Consider holding a visioning workshop for your community.
- ✓ Connect with your DCED and DCNR regional contacts.
[DCED regional contacts](#)
[DCNR regional contacts](#)
- ✓ Connect with your PennDOT district on planning considerations or upcoming projects.
- ✓ Complete the feedback form on today's session.



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PENNDOT CONNECTS

PennDOT Connects

<https://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PennDOT-Connects.aspx>

Municipal Resources

<https://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/Land-Use-and-Transportation-Planning.aspx>

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