

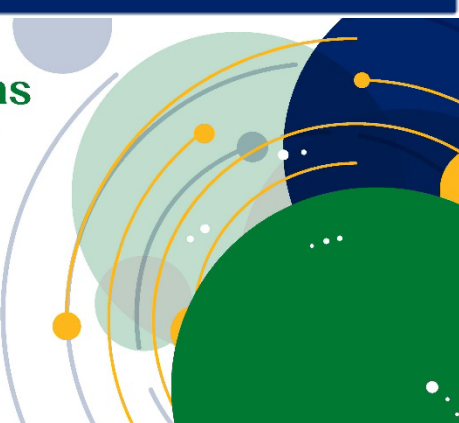
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The latest news and information from PennDOT Municipal Resources network of people and places

April 2026 Newsletter

2026 Municipal Outreach Sessions

Through PennDOT Municipal Resources, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its regional planning partners are strengthening their partnerships with communities by involving local government at the very beginning of the planning process so that land use, development, and transportation are better integrated and more effective.



Register Today for a 2026 PennDOT Municipal Outreach Session

Free Resources & Municipal Support!

Empower your municipality and its voice in local transportation: Join us for an interactive workshop where you can engage with PennDOT, collaborate with peers, and discover valuable resources to enhance your community.

Learn about:

- **What is Happening in Your District:** The Districts will provide contacts and share projects successes and projects in planning.
- **PennDOT's One Map GIS Platform:** The demo will provide practical uses for the mapping data.
- **Free Transportation Planning Resources:** The PennDOT Municipal Resources program has **free** one-on-one support, one-hour drop ins (webinars), newsletters, and tech sheets to support municipal transportation planning.

This workshop is intended for:

- Municipal officials, planners, and engineers.
- Community leaders and advocates.
- Anyone interested in improving their local transportation systems.

Don't miss out on this chance to:

- Network with other municipalities, learn from their successes, and find areas for collaboration.
- Network with PennDOT, MPO & RPOs, and county planning staff.
- Ask questions about PennDOT projects in your area.

- Access free resources and expert support to achieve your goals.

Note: These sessions will focus on the resources available to municipalities through the PennDOT Municipal Resources Program and other sources and may not cover specific projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in PennDOT Districts.

Find your PennDOT District: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/regional-offices.html>

District	Date	Time	Facility, Format, Registration Link
District 1	April 30	9-11 a.m.	Recording Link
District 2	April 28	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 3	May 5	9-11 a.m.	All Virtual
District 4	April 2	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 5	March 26	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 6	April 7	9-11 a.m.	Recording Link
District 8	March 25	9-11 a.m.	Recording Link
District 9	April 9	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 10	April 29	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 11	March 18	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link
District 12	April 15	1-3 p.m.	Recording Link

Attendance options noted for each district:

- In Person at District Office or Virtual (Go-To-Webinar)
- All Virtual (Go-To-Webinar)

Registration: To register, click on the **Facility, Format, and Registration link** above for the session you want to attend.

Recordings Available: Did you miss the session in your area? Recordings of the sessions that have been held are available on the table above.

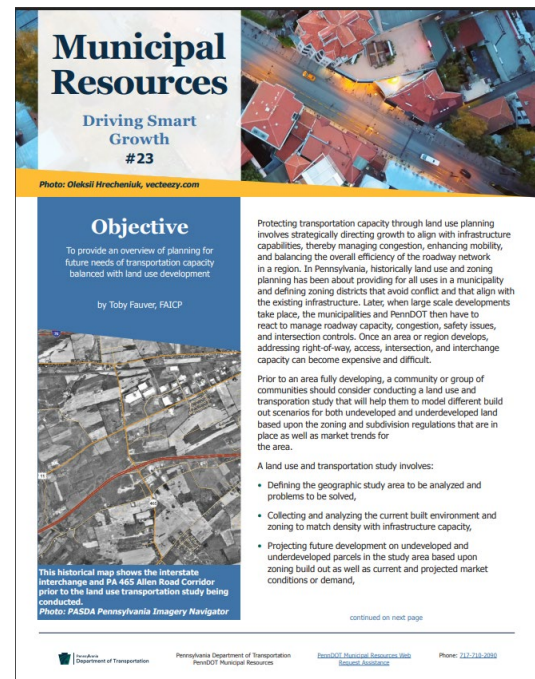
Tech Sheet #23 Driving Smart Growth

Looking for ways to plan for growth and transportation? This tech sheet provides an overview of planning for future needs of transportation capacity balanced with land use development.

It provides a case study from the Cumberland County area that was anticipating growth around an interstate. The cooperative and proactive planning approach with five municipalities, Cumberland County, and PennDOT resulted in smart growth that is still seeing the benefits today.

The tech sheet is on the [PennDOT Municipal Resources webpage](#).

[Tech Sheet #23 Driving Smart Growth](#)



The image shows the cover of a technical sheet titled "Municipal Resources Driving Smart Growth #23". The cover features a photograph of a residential street with red-roofed houses. The text on the cover includes the title, the author "by Toby Fauver, FAICP", and an "Objective" section. The objective is to provide an overview of planning for future needs of transportation capacity balanced with land use development. A list of bullet points describes the study's goals, such as defining the geographic study area, collecting and analyzing current built environment and zoning, and projecting future development on undeveloped and underdeveloped parcels. The cover also includes a historical map showing the interstate interchange and PA 465 Allen Road Corridor prior to the land use transportation study being conducted. The cover is attributed to PASDA Pennsylvania Imagery Navigator and includes contact information for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation PennDOT Municipal Resources.

Municipal Resources
Driving Smart Growth
#23

Photo: Oksal Hrecheniuk, vecteezy.com

Objective
To provide an overview of planning for future needs of transportation capacity balanced with land use development.
by Toby Fauver, FAICP

Protecting transportation capacity through land use planning involves strategically directing growth to align with infrastructure capabilities, thereby managing congestion, enhancing mobility, and balancing the overall efficiency of the roadway network in a region. In Pennsylvania, historically land use and zoning planning has been about providing for all uses in a municipality and defining zoning districts that avoid conflict and that align with the existing infrastructure. Later, when large scale developments take place, the municipalities and PennDOT then have to react to manage roadway capacity, congestion, safety issues, and intersection controls. Once an area or region develops, addressing right-of-way, access, intersection, and interchange capacity can become expensive and difficult.

Prior to an area fully developing, a community or group of communities should consider conducting a land use and transportation study that will help them to model different build out scenarios for both undeveloped and underdeveloped land based upon the zoning and subdivision regulations that are in place as well as market trends for the area.

A land use and transportation study involves:

- Defining the geographic study area to be analyzed and problems to be solved,
- Collecting and analyzing the current built environment and zoning to match density with infrastructure capacity,
- Projecting future development on undeveloped and underdeveloped parcels in the study area based upon zoning build out as well as current and projected market conditions or demand,

This historical map shows the interstate interchange and PA 465 Allen Road Corridor prior to the land use transportation study being conducted.
Photo: PASDA Pennsylvania Imagery Navigator

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PennDOT Municipal Resources #23

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Community Charging Program Puts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Where Pennsylvanians Live and Work – Complete Interest Survey

As Pennsylvania continues expanding access to fast, reliable electric vehicle (EV) charging, now is the time for communities and organizations to join this growing network. Recent [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\)](#) investments are strengthening long-distance travel while creating new opportunities to connect highway charging with local, community-based infrastructure.

This latest funding builds on Pennsylvania's broader \$54 million commitment to EV infrastructure, which has already positioned the Commonwealth as a national leader in NEVI-funded charging deployment. With dozens of stations open or under development and tens of thousands of charging sessions already completed, PennDOT is now expanding EV charging beyond major highways and into the communities where Pennsylvanians live, work, and gather.

[That's where Community Charging comes in.](#) If you operate a public-facing location—such as a municipal building, local business, nonprofit facility, or community center—you may be eligible to host an EV charging station. Community Charging grants are designed to bring reliable charging directly into neighborhoods, downtowns, and business districts, helping residents and visitors alike confidently make the switch to electric transportation.

Interested partners are encouraged to review the available resources, [complete the brief interest survey](#), and explore upcoming Community Charging funding rounds as they roll out region by region on [PennDOT's Community Charging Funding Rounds website](#). By getting involved now, communities can play an active role in shaping a cleaner, more convenient transportation future for Pennsylvania—one charger at a time.

EV CHARGING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

PennDOT is investing \$100 million of federal funding from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program in public EV charging stations throughout Pennsylvania.

Any organization registered to do business in Pennsylvania is eligible to apply, and all locations available for public use are eligible.

Complete the survey below if your organization is interested in being part of a NEVI project.

DID YOU KNOW?

NEVI can fund up to 80% of the cost to build an EV charging station.

Throughout 2026, PennDOT will release 4 regional funding opportunities. Local transportation planning agencies determine the specific locations/areas within the region that are prioritized for investment, but all locations within the region are eligible to apply.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

[SS4A](#) provides competitive grant funding to help communities reduce and ultimately eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users. Funding supports the development and implementation of comprehensive Safety Action Plans and targeted investments that improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, micromobility users, emergency responders, and commercial vehicle operators. This round emphasizes public safety infrastructure, recognizes truck parking as a critical safety element, and continues to support tools and strategies tailored to local, Tribal, and regional needs to save lives.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is May 12, 2026.
- The application deadline is Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST.

For regionally supported grant proposals, PennDOT will consider providing technical support, including data and subject-matter expertise as available.

For any questions about transportation federal funding opportunities, please use the following email: RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov.

Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grants Now Accepting Scoping Forms

PennDOT will be accepting applications for the 2026 [Automated Red Light Enforcement \(ARLE\) Program](#) from **June 1 through June 30, 2026**. Townships are eligible to apply for funding toward

safety and mobility projects, including roadway safety, mobility, and capacity upgrades; bicycle and pedestrian improvements; [Local Technical Assistance Program \(LTAP\)](#) projects; and traffic signal improvements.

Please note: A pre-application scoping form is required before applying! Pre-application scoping forms are now being accepted, and those submitted by April 30 will receive feedback before the grant application window opens. For more information and a link to the pre-application form, visit PennDOT's [Traffic Signal Resource Portal](#). Questions and completed scoping forms can be directed to ARLE@pa.gov.

Looking for Help with a Grant?

Are you working on a transportation grant and want to strategize with experts?

Or have you completed a grant application and would like a thorough review with feedback to strengthen it?

If you answered yes to either question, the PennDOT Municipal Resources team is available to provide free assistance.

Reach out today to get expert support for planning, developing, or improving your transportation grant applications. **This includes the SS4A grants.** Contact the program by completing the form, [PennDOT Municipal Resources Assistance](#) and you will be connected with a technical expert.



PennDOT Municipal Resources can help you get started with a grant. Photo: Microsoft stock photos

FREE Transportation and Land Use Planning – One-on One Assistance and Training

PennDOT Municipal Resources offers **free** one-on-one assistance and training to municipalities to better integrate local land use development and transportation goals into the state transportation planning process.

Any municipal staff member, government official or planning partner is eligible to request **free** planning assistance or personalized training. Simply fill out the PennDOT Municipal Resources Transportation Planning Assistance request form by [clicking here](#).

If you answer yes to any of the questions below, reach out to [PennDOT Municipal Resources](#) for assistance.

- Are you involved with municipal land use and transportation planning activities?



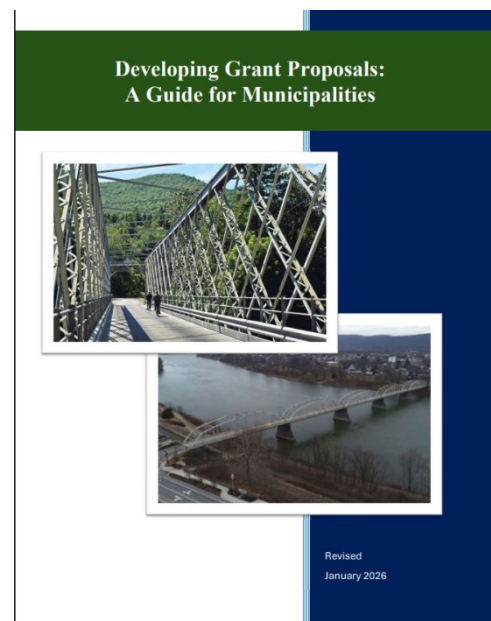
A map of the roads being reviewed during a technical assistance field visit. Photo: PennDOT Municipal Resources

- Could your municipality use assistance to help shape future land use or transportation projects?
- Would you like to learn how to advance your community’s planning and transportation-related goals?
- Have you heard about PennDOT Municipal Resources, but would like to know more about the free training and assistance available to your municipality?

PennDOT Municipal Resources helps local governments and regional/municipal planning organizations consider community needs during the planning process. Examples include:

- Safety issues/concerns,
- Grant, preparation, development, and/or review,
- Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations,
- Transit/multimodal considerations,
- Stormwater management,
- Presence of/impacts from (current/future) freight-generating land uses
- Utility issues,
- Transportation operations considerations,
- Emergency services accommodations,
- Planned development,
- Long-range transportation plans,
- Regional planning studies (e.g., corridor studies, resource management studies, watershed studies, etc.),
- Consistency with current community comprehensive or other plans,
- Consistency with current and/or proposed zoning,
- Other proposed transportation improvements,
- Impacts on the natural, cultural, or social environment,
- Right-of-way considerations,
- Anticipated public opinion,
- Community or cultural events in the candidate project area, and
- Maintenance Agreement requirements.

This list provides only a sample of the types of support available. If your municipality needs assistance related to transportation planning, please contact the Municipal Resources program to discuss how the program can help.



Guide for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant Applications

PennDOT has added a [guide for grant applications](#) to the website dedicated to the IIJA, and specifically the federal discretionary programs. Also, included are Grant Alerts that provide background on these opportunities including eligibility, application deadlines, and federal and Department of Transportation (USDOT) resources and guides to assist in applying for the specific programs.

Grants Resources

USDOT Discretionary Grant Resources

The USDOT has developed a discretionary grant preparation checklist for federal fiscal year 2024 to help applicants prepare and chart a strategic pathway to apply for infrastructure investments. More than \$32 billion is available to the USDOT this fiscal year to provide competitive grant funding to local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, Tribal governments, U.S. Territories and state departments of transportation. The USDOT has published a list of anticipated dates for the upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs within the IIJA and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), as well as adjacent programs that support IIJA and IRA objectives. This list is not comprehensive, and the agency will periodically update it with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate. Both resources can be found on PennDOT's IIJA page at <https://www.pa.gov/en/services/pennDOT/apply-for-pennDOT-infrastructure-and-jobs-act--iija--grants.html>.

USDOT Navigator: <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

Federal Transit Administration IIJA Website: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/IIJA>

DOT Competitive Grants Dashboard: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

Do You Know Your MPO or RPO?

PennDOT and its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) 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.

MPO/RPO contacts can be found [here](#). Use the “Sort & Filter” button to find your contact(s).

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