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February 2026 Newsletter

2026 Municipal Outreach Session

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/pennidot/regional-offices.html>

District	Date	Time	Facility, Format, Registration Link	City
District 1	April 30	9-11 a.m.	District 1 & Virtual	Oil City, PA
District 2	April 28	1-3 p.m.	District 2 & Virtual	Clearfield, PA
District 3	May 5	9-11 a.m.	All Virtual	
District 4	April 2	1-3 p.m.	District 4 & virtual	Dunmore, PA
District 5	March 26	1-3 p.m.	District 5 & Virtual	Allentown, PA
District 6	April 7	9-11 a.m.	All Virtual	
District 8	March 25	9-11 a.m.	All Virtual	
District 9	April 9	1-3 p.m.	All Virtual	
District 10	April 29	1-3 p.m.	District 10 & Virtual	Indiana, PA
District 11	March 18	1-3 p.m.	All Virtual	
District 12	April 15	1-3 p.m.	District 12 & Virtual	Uniontown, PA

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.

PennDOT Invites Pennsylvanians to Share Input to Improve Traffic Safety Across Pennsylvania

**Last chance to participate
February 28th**



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking input from Pennsylvanians on traffic safety and driving behaviors through an [online survey](#) that will be available through **February 28** at pa.gov/dotsafety. The survey will help inform PennDOT on

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) **2026 Behavioral Highway Safety Survey**.

Once data is collected, PennDOT will review the results for potential additions or adjustments to our highway safety initiatives in an effort to reduce crashes and fatalities on Pennsylvania roadways.

how the Shapiro Administration can continue to improve traffic safety - and save lives - across the Commonwealth.

PennDOT invests nearly \$30 million annually in federal grant funds statewide, partnering with educational and enforcement grantees, to deliver programming each year to help prevent crashes, fatalities, and injuries on our roadways. This survey seeks information on drivers' behavior behind the wheel to better inform PennDOT's program planning. This voluntary survey covers several topics including seat belt use, impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, as well as bicycle, pedestrian, and motorcycle safety.

Last spring, PennDOT announced that the number of people who lost their lives on Pennsylvania highways decreased to 1,127 in 2024, the second lowest since record keeping began in 1928 and 82 less than in 2023. While 2025 fatality data is not yet complete, preliminary numbers indicate crash fatalities have decreased for the second year in a row - demonstrating that the Shapiro Administration's efforts to protect Pennsylvanians is working. Complete 2025 fatality data will be announced in the spring.

“While a decrease in fatalities is certainly good news, we need your help to continue this downward trend,” said **PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll**. “Even one life lost is one too many, but we'll only get to zero with your help. Please share your input on traffic safety and your own driving behaviors. Your honest feedback can potentially help us save more lives.”

The survey helps PennDOT better understand participants' attitudes on highway safety and potentially allows us to adjust safety activities as we work to reduce crashes and fatalities. Results from the 2023 survey on traffic safety and driving behaviors indicated many respondents were influenced by family to make safer choices behind the wheel. This data led PennDOT to create and implement a new media campaign focused on the consequences your loved ones face when you make dangerous decisions while driving. The video featured Pennsylvania State Police Troopers knocking on a door, while urging viewers to take one second to buckle up – “Do it for the ones you love.” This campaign will be in market again this May during the national high visibility “Click It or Ticket” enforcement campaign.

The [survey](#) is available on [PennDOT's website](#) through **February 28** and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses are completely anonymous.

For more information on PennDOT's highway safety efforts visit, pa.gov/dotsafety.

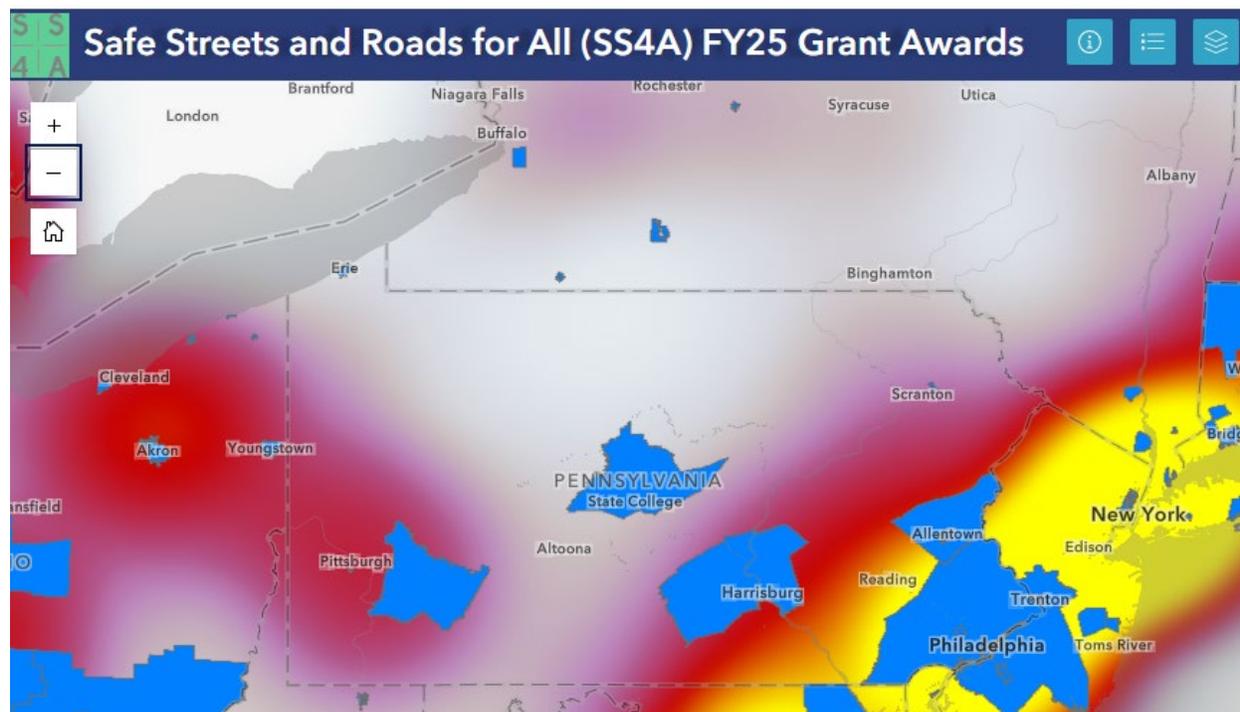
For more information on traffic crashes, fatalities, and injuries, visit the [Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool](#).

For more information on PennDOT's plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways, read the [Pennsylvania Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#).

Pennsylvania Communities Put Safety Grants to Work

Across Pennsylvania, [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) grant awards are helping communities make travel safer and more accessible through planning and demonstration projects, and one major implementation grant. Many municipalities are using their awards to update Safety Action Plans, test quick-build improvements such as new crosswalks, curb extensions, median refuges, and bike lanes,

enhance safety around schools, and pilot emerging technologies such as connected-vehicle alerts and AI-supported incident management.



The areas in blue received grants in FY 2025. Go to [SS4A website 2025-Awards](#) and zoom in on a recipient to get project information. Graphic: FHWA, [SS4A website 2025-Awards](#)

Erie received an [Implementation Grant](#) and will deliver major, permanent upgrades along its high-injury corridors. Improvements include new and reallocated roadways for bike lanes, 40,000 feet of sidewalks, more than 100 high-visibility crosswalks — especially near schools — daylighting at intersections, and modernized signals. Audits, analyses, and new Complete Streets policies support these investments.

Together, SS4A projects reflect a statewide commitment to safer streets, better multimodal options, and stronger readiness for future infrastructure investment.

Learn more about the grants by visiting <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

Funding Opportunities

Next Opportunity: Fiscal Year 2026

The fiscal year (FY) 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All closed on June 26, 2025. Stay tuned for the FY 2026 NOFO release.

[Subscribe to email updates](#) to be notified when additional information is available.

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.

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?
- 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:

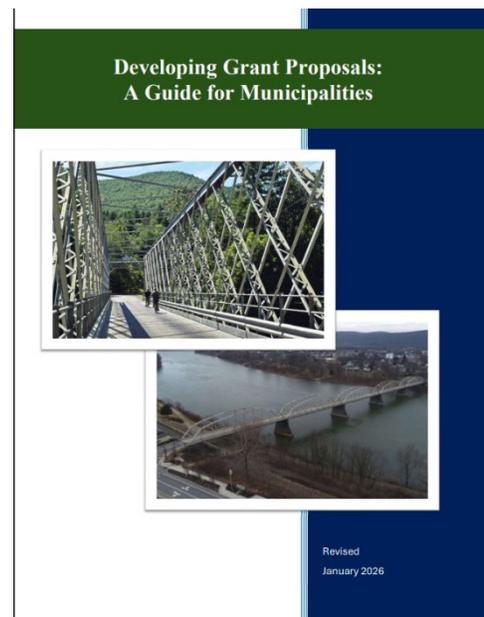
- Safety issues/concerns,
- Grant, preparation, development, and/or review,
- Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations,
- Transit/multimodal considerations,

- 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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