IT ALL BEGINS WITH PLANNING.
GOAL: Better Communities and Mobility Powered through Collaboration

- PennDOT Connects **builds** partnerships that invest in sustainable transportation.
- PennDOT Connects **leverages** resources to improve communities.
- PennDOT Connects **leads and innovates** for a more livable Pennsylvania.
- PennDOT Connects **delivers** projects that improve economic competitiveness, access to work, and overall quality of life.
Themes of Connects

- Planning
- Environmental
- Sharing
- Partnership
- Sustainability
- Innovative
- Visionary
- Multimodal
- Investing
- Collaboration
- Strategic
- Stewardship
- Livability
Collaborating With Communities

PennDOT is:

• Investing in a community with each project.
• Involving communities at the beginning of the planning process.
• Learning what project elements may be important to support a community’s vision.
PennDOT and our planning partners meet with local governments to discuss details for each project prior to developing project scopes and cost estimates.

All mobility needs are considered:
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Transit
- Freight
- Operations and ITS
- Utilities
- Community Health
- Stormwater Management
- Green Infrastructure
Policy

- Secretary’s Directive – December 2016
- Design Manual Updates - June 2017.
- Online documentation system to become PennDOT Connects system.
- Regional LRTP guidance modifications - June 2017.
- Connects meetings on all new 2017 TIP projects - underway.
- Connects Pre - 2019 TIP Meetings, June - December 2017.
What’s Next?

Training and Outreach

Spring 2017 – Spring 2018

• PennDOT will provide Connects training, Planning and Engineering 360° to internal staff, MPOs and RPOs.
• PennDOT will do outreach sessions to local government.
• Reach out to sister agencies: DCNR, DCED and DEP.