“State DOTs are no longer just held accountable for the transportation system; they are also held accountable for how the system supports and improves quality of life for communities.”

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• Identify needs of communities and related issues early in project planning

• Consider community transportation needs
  ✓ Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
  ✓ Transit access
  ✓ Stormwater management
  ✓ Green infrastructure

• Fully integrate into our Process
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- Community transportation needs assessment based on:
  - Comprehensive plans
  - Other local planning studies
- Local government must demonstrate features are a (documented) element of the community vision
- Cost is a consideration, but not reason enough to disregard improvements
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Pedestrians
Dedicated pedestrian facilities should be evaluated for all highway projects. Depending on the project’s context, these may include elements like a multiuse trail, sidewalk, and crosswalks with supportive elements like HAWK beacons. In rural areas, a walkable shoulder can serve as a very basic pedestrianway, provided it is connected to accessible curb ramps.

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<th>Pedestrian facilities will be accommodated:</th>
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<td>1. Shared roadway/walkable shoulder</td>
<td>Location is greater than .25 mile from any existing pedestrian facility or public transit stop, and is not recommended for a pedestrian connection in any local, county, or regional plan.</td>
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<td>2. Sidewalks</td>
<td>Location has unique site constraints, such as steep slopes.</td>
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<td>3. Multi-use trail</td>
<td>Safe pedestrian accommodations would drastically increase the overall anticipated project cost (in such cases, consider opportunities to ensure future pedestrian accommodations are not precluded by the design)</td>
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PennDOT is committed to enhancing community collaboration in our planning process.

- District and Planning Partner staff meet with local staff on all new projects added to the 2017 TIP
  - Required for all projects that had no project phase included on a prior TIP
  - Required for all projects that have not started PE or started PE since July 1, 2016.
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• If justified, incorporate transportation needs into scope of work

• Document issues and justification (or lack of) in the LPN form

• Program Center staff responsible to QA TIP process

• Program Center Open End Agreements are available

• Validate community collaboration at E&E Scoping
MEETING OF THE MINDS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS
Meeting of the Minds

Leveraging Roles & Partnerships

Aligning Resources

Changing Culture
Meeting of the Minds: Leveraging Roles & Partnerships

To make the most of the complementary strengths of:

- PennDOT
- MPO/RPOs
- Municipalities
- Networks, advocates, community & regional resources

We must . . .
Meeting of the Minds: Aligning Resources

What are the challenges, opportunities and priorities for . . .

- Funding
- Organizations’ staff and time
- Systems and processes
- Data- and information-sharing
- Knowledge and skill-building
Meeting of the Minds: Changing Culture

What cultural changes are necessary to support . . .

• Collaborative planning
• A focus on community quality of life
• Effective policy implementation
• Innovative problem-solving
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Planning Partners Meeting
October 11, 2016