



Colleagues and Partners,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to PennDOT Connects, our project-planning process that has proven to be a transportation game changer in Pennsylvania, and has received [nationwide recognition](#).

The premise of PennDOT Connects is simple: to reach out to communities at the onset of the transportation planning process to ensure that all who wish to have a say in the matter are given that opportunity.

Through PennDOT Connects, open and continuous communication among the department, planning partners and communities helps to ensure that transportation system needs from state and local perspectives, as well as related community goals, are addressed before investments are made.

Collaborative engagements among all partners are opportunities to share information that will shape a transportation improvement while attempting to make it complementary to the community and its priorities.

While it is a given that not all desired outcomes may be possible to achieve, through PennDOT Connects' collaboration, a thorough evaluation will be placed on the table for all to review.

With PennDOT Connects, you are promised support and input from your district and district planner, from central office, and communities as equal contributing partners.

I thank you for whatever role you will play in ensuring the success of this transformative transportation planning process and reiterate the sentiments of former Secretary Leslie S. Richards (who instituted PennDOT Connects); "Departments of transportation are now not just held responsible for the transportation system, but also for the quality of life in the communities they serve."

Sincerely,



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