Overview

Many voices throughout the Commonwealth provided the foundation for effective development and successful implementation of Pennsylvania’s 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Freight Movement Plan (FMP). The users of the statewide transportation network provided an essential perspective in helping to shape the strategic directions of the plans.

To capture transportation system needs and concerns across Pennsylvania, input was solicited in various forums and incorporated at key points during planning process. In addition to statewide public outreach and stakeholder engagement, extensive “in-reach” was a key element of the stakeholder engagement process. PennDOT units and partnering agencies and organizations were engaged to ensure that current and future initiatives are properly reflected and supported by the LRTP and FMP implementation plans.

Municipal Collaboration

The following organizations offered local government viewpoints during statewide plan development:

- Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
- County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
- Pennsylvania Municipal League
- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY

Pennsylvania 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Freight Movement Plan

Engagement Highlights

Public Outreach

- Public Surveys Completed: 7,400
- Public Forum Views: 1,905
- E-News Contacts: 2,700
- Social Media Posts: 11

Stakeholder Engagement

- MPOs and RPOs Engaged: 24
- State Transportation Commission & Transportation Advisory Committee Presentations: 8
- Freight Focus Group Meetings by Mode: 5
- Statewide Virtual Freight Forum Registrations: 225
- Equity & Diversity Workshops Attendance: 25
- PennDOT Planning Network e-Blasts: 9
- State Planning Board: 49

PennDOT In-reach & Interagency Collaboration

- Executive Interviews: 35
- PennDOT Bureau/District Personnel Engaged: >40
- Partnering Agency Interviews & Presentations: 5

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Public feedback was obtained through an online public survey and public forum hosted by the STC for the 2023 12-Year Program update. Extensive outreach and promotions were launched through the STC website, including e-mail blasts to thousands of stakeholders, a targeted social media campaign offered in Spanish and Mandarin—the two most-spoken languages in Pennsylvania after English, traditional media outreach, and outreach in partnership with stakeholders.

Survey Results: Transportation Priorities

7,400 respondents completed a public survey and ranked their transportation priorities in the following order:

1. **Road Pavement**
   - Repairing, restoring, reconstructing, and maintaining state and local roads

2. **Bridges**
   - Repairing, replacing, and maintaining state and local bridges

3. **Traffic Flow**
   - Adding new lanes, constructing new roads, and using technology to improve traffic flow

4. **Interstate Highways**
   - Prioritizing Interstate reconstruction investments with numerous specific projects identified

5. **Walking**
   - Accessible and connected walking routes

6. **Public Transportation**
   - Accessible and frequent public transportation options that cover an extensive service area and cross regions

7. **Passenger Rail**
   - Intercity and commuter rail service with out-of-state connections

8. **Bicycling**
   - Safe routes and facilities throughout the state

9. **Freight**
   - Modern highways, railways, airports, and ports to support the economy

10. **Aviation**
    - Modern facilities, operations, and a wide range of commercial airline choices

PennDOT will continue to use the STC public survey process to inform the 12-Year Program and future LRTP updates. Future surveys will include recurring questions (to draw important comparisons and trends, over time) as well as new questions to obtain the public’s pulse on Pennsylvania’s changing transportation conditions.