



### Pennsylvania Awarded \$142 Million in Federal Funding for Eastern Pittsburgh Multimodal Corridor Project

In a recent [press release](#), awards were announced for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) grant program. The Mega program, which was created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and provides \$5 billion in funding through 2026, is focused on projects that are uniquely large, complex and difficult to fund under traditional grant programs. Eleven different projects were awarded funding that will generate national and regional economic, mobility and safety benefits.

In Pennsylvania, the Eastern Pittsburgh Multimodal Corridor Project was awarded \$142 million. The project will make multimodal improvements in the I-376 (Parkway East) corridor of Pittsburgh. The project will include resiliency improvements and reduce costly recurring maintenance by addressing a flood-prone area known as the “Bathtub” segment and landslides that often force emergency road closures. The project will also improve traffic management through dynamic lane use, dynamic speed limits, wrong-way vehicle detection and queue warning systems that are expected to reduce the higher-than-average crashes on the Parkway East.

Find more information about the combined MPDG funding opportunity and Mega, INFRA, and Rural programs on the [U.S. Department of Transportation MPDG program web page](#). The next anticipated application period is expected to open in mid-2024.

## BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight

### Open for Applications

PennDOT’s website [offers the latest news and information](#) on federal grant opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the BIL. Grant opportunities, application guides and other resources on federal grant funding are added to the site as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs would benefit your community. The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

#### Bridge Investment Program

The goals of the [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\)](#) - [Large Bridge](#) grants are to 1) Improve safety, efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; 2) Improve the overall condition of bridges in the United States and 3) Provide financial assistance that both leverages and encourages non-federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design and construction of eligible projects that will cost more than \$100 million.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support for FY 2025 is July 1, 2024.
- The deadline for applying for FY 2025 funds in this rolling application process\* is August 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

\*Submissions will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is expended or the notice of availability is superseded.

#### BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants

The goals of the [BIP - Planning and Bridge Project](#) grants are identical to the above Large Bridge grants except eligible projects must cost less than \$100 million.

- The Bridge Project deadline for requesting PennDOT support for FY 2023/2024 is March 4, 2024.
- The Bridge Project deadline for applying for FY 2023/2024 funds in this rolling application process\* is March 19, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

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### Transportation Trivia

**IIJA aka BIL authorized \$\_\_ nationally for transportation and infrastructure investments through existing and “new” programs.**

- 1.2 trillion
- 750 billion
- 550 billion
- 400 million

**The U.S. government offers a tax credit of up to \$\_\_ for the purchase of certain models and types of EVs.**

- 15,250
- 12,000
- 7,500
- 2,000

**True or False:** Pennsylvania is one of the first states to open a federally funded electric vehicle (EV) charging station expanding access to and reliability of EV charging statewide.

[Click here](#) to view the correct answers.

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