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PennDOT Connects February 2023 Newsletter



2023 Municipal Outreach Session

Through PennDOT Connects, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its regional planning partners are strengthening their partnerships with communities by involving local government at the very beginning of the planning process so that land use, development, and transportation are better integrated and more effective.

Register Today to Learn More about Funding Opportunities & Municipal Resources for Transportation Planning

Engage with local transportation planners

Discover funding and resources

Enhance your community

The municipal outreach/peer exchange sessions will consist of an interactive workshop that engages participants in peer exchange and idea-sharing. Municipalities will have the opportunity to interact with PennDOT, their local metropolitan planning organization or rural planning organization (MPO or RPO) staff, and one another. These sessions include:

- an overview of the PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources Program,
- information on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, or BIL) grant opportunities and available support,
- a presentation on PennDOT's [12-Year Program \(TYP\) survey](#) to begin the process of transportation project development,
- information on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, and
- other resources available through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Participants will be encouraged to contribute their own experiences and to share their best practices in planning, land use, and project delivery.

PennDOT Connects is an opportunity for communities to make connections, be heard, and improve transportation projects in ways that previously may not have been considered or were recognized too late in the project delivery process. Attend a session near you to learn more about PennDOT Connects and the free resources available to municipalities.

Note: These sessions will focus on the resources available to municipalities through PennDOT Connects and other sources and is not on specific projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in PennDOT Districts.

District	Date	Time	Facility, Format, & Registration Link	Address
District 4	March 28, 2023	9-11 a.m.	PennDOT District 4 & Virtual	55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, PA 18512
District 11	March 30, 2023	9-11 a.m.	Virtual	
District 1	April 11, 2023	1-3 p.m.	Virtual	
District 1	April 11, 2023	5-7 p.m.	Virtual	
District 6	Friday, April 14, 2023	9-11 a.m.	Virtual	
District 10	Wednesday, May 3, 2023	1-3 p.m.	PennDOT District 10 & Virtual	2550 Oakland Avenue, Indiana PA 15701-3388
District 2	Thursday, May 4, 2023	9-11 a.m.	PennDOT District 2 & Virtual	70 PennDOT Drive, Clearfield, PA 16830
District 5	Tuesday, May 16, 2023	1-3 p.m.	PennDOT District 5 & Virtual	1002 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101
District 9	Monday, May 22, 2023	1-3 p.m.	Virtual	
District 8	Tuesday, May 23, 2023	1-3 p.m.	PennDOT District 8 & Virtual	2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103
District 12	Wednesday, May 24, 2023	1-3 p.m.	PennDOT District 12 & Virtual	825 N. Gallatin Ave. Ext. Uniontown, PA 15401
District 3	Thursday, May 25, 2023	9-11 a.m.	Virtual	

Attendance Options noted for each district:

- **In Person at District Office and Virtual:** Go-To-Webinar
- **Virtual:** Go-To-Webinar

Registration: To register click on the **Facility, Format, and Registration Link** above for the session you want to attend. The registration links will also be on the PennDOT Connects webpage soon.

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PennDOT-Connects.aspx>

All sessions held at a district office will have a virtual attendance option through Go-To-Webinar. The sessions noted as virtual will only be available through a virtual connection.

DCNR Grants Due April 5, 2023

To learn more about the DCNR grants go to <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants> and click on “Grant opportunities”.



APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GRANT PORTAL

APRIL 5, 2023 @ 4:00PM

New Guide for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant Applications

PennDOT has added a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) guide for grant applications to the website dedicated to the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA), also referred to as the BIL, and specifically the federal discretionary programs. Also, included are Grant Alerts that provide background on these opportunities including eligibility, application deadlines, and federal and Department of Transportation (USDOT) resources and guides to assist in applying for the specific programs.

Resources

[Guide for Developing BIL Grant Proposals \(PDF\)](#)

[Key Notices of Funding](#)

[Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#) 

[Federal Transportation Funding:](#)

Grants Resources

New USDOT Discretionary Grant Resources

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has developed a discretionary grant preparation checklist for fiscal year 2023 to help applicants prepare and chart a strategic pathway to apply for infrastructure investments. More than \$32 billion is available to the USDOT this fiscal year to provide competitive grant funding to local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, Tribal governments, U.S. Territories and state departments of transportation. The USDOT has published a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), as well as adjacent programs that support BIL and IRA objectives. This list is not comprehensive, and the agency will periodically update it with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate. Both resources can be found on PennDOT’s IIJA page at www.penndot.pa.gov/IIJA.

USDOT Navigator: <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

PennDOT IIJA/BIL webpage: <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/Doing-Business/Pages/IIJA.aspx>. The webpage has a new [Guide for Developing Grant Proposals](#).

Federal Transit Administration BIL Website: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>

Key Notices of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>

FREE Transportation and Land Use Planning – Assistance and Training

PennDOT Connects offers **free** assistance and training to municipalities to better integrate local land use development and transportation goals into the state transportation planning process.

Any municipal staff member, government official or planning partner is eligible to request **free** planning assistance or personalized training. Simply fill out the PennDOT Connects Training/Assistance request form by [clicking here](#).



Do You Know Your MPO or RPO?

PennDOT and its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) partners have a long-standing relationship jointly preparing transportation studies, plans, and programs to make the best transportation project investments possible with available resources. This strategic alliance is now of even greater importance for PennDOT Connects implementation. Together, the MPO/RPO planning partners and PennDOT can effectively collaborate and communicate with municipalities — and other community stakeholders (e.g., transit operators, economic development agencies, etc.) — to improve transportation system performance and achieve more livable communities. The collaborative effort of municipalities, MPO/RPO planning partners, and PennDOT is key to ensuring that opportunities to improve transportation and communities are realized.

MPO/RPO contacts can be found [here](#).

PennDOT Connects

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is committed to bettering our transportation system and our communities through collaborative planning. We must find creative solutions to sustain and expand mobility throughout the commonwealth. This means improving our planning process to reflect changing demographics and technological innovation. We are broadening the benefits we deliver and taking a more holistic approach to planning. We are tasking PennDOT staff and our planning partners to consider community needs at the beginning of the planning process to ensure the best allocation of our resources. This approach, PennDOT Connects, will make our planning processes more efficient and cost-effective to the benefit of all Pennsylvanians. The full [PennDOT Connects Policy \(PDF\)](#) includes collaboration requirements and planning considerations, as well as the implementation timeline and more.

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