



# Municipal Support

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.

The PennDOT Connects policy makes changes to the project development process to enhance transportation planning. It requires communities to have meaningful opportunities for engagement in the initial stages of the planning process with PennDOT and the regional planning partners.

A more strategic approach to engagement will ensure that local priorities and issues are effectively considered as transportation needs and investments are planned and developed. The result is improved decision making, better investments, and greater local impacts.

Through PennDOT Connects, resources are being provided to support municipalities to better understand:

- the integration of transportation and land use planning in transportation project development;
- the integration of transportation and land use in comprehensive plans and/or corridor plans; and
- the implementation tools available to improve the transportation and land use connection.

## PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources

[PennDOT Connects Webpage](#)

Assistance from technical experts via phone, email, or on-site visit

On-Site Personalized Training

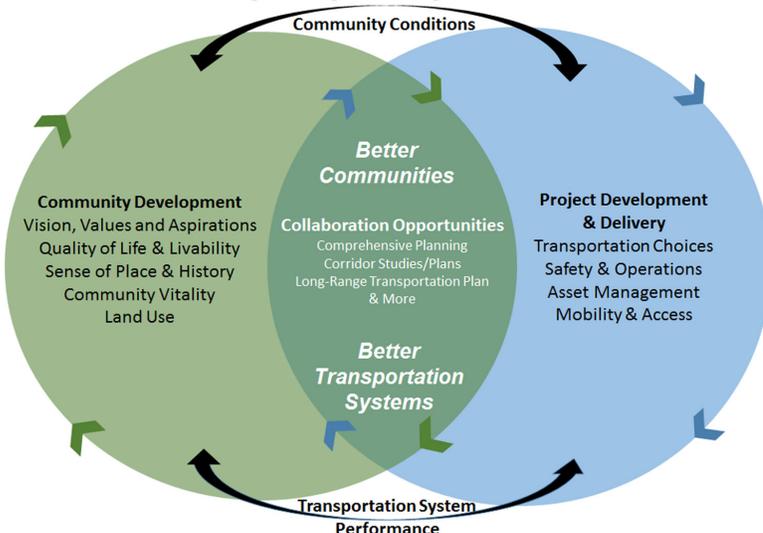
Online Training

Newsletter

Tech Sheets



### Planning & Engineering Collaboration



PennDOT Connects is about better communities and better transportation systems. These complementary goals are accomplished when communities, planning partners, and PennDOT work together.

This graphic shows how municipal responsibilities for community development (left) can dovetail with PennDOT responsibilities for project development & delivery (right). The overlapping section (middle) lists some of the collaboration opportunities to make this happen.

For more information:  
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Mobility & Efficiency



Multimodal Transportation



Safety



Community Character



Project Funding



Accommodating Growth

### PENNDOT CONNECTS MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

PennDOT provides free support to municipalities on transportation planning topics.

### NEWSLETTER – TRANSFORMED

PennDOT distributes Transformed, the PennDOT Connects newsletter that shares transportation planning news, resources, and success stories. To receive the newsletter, [fill out this form](#), email [paconnects@pa.gov](mailto:paconnects@pa.gov), or call 717-710-2090 and provide your name, municipality, county, and email address. The newsletters are also posted on [PennDOT's website](#) on the [PennDOT Connects page](#).

### REQUEST ASSISTANCE

Technical experts will provide responses for meaningful support and recommendations within a timely manner. On-site assistance offers municipal staff the opportunity to work with an expert on specific transportation planning needs.

### REQUEST TRAINING

On-site personalized training on transportation and land use planning is also available. You provide the meeting room, and PennDOT Connects will provide the technical expert and on-site training to meet your community's needs. To request training, [fill out this form](#), email [paconnects@pa.gov](mailto:paconnects@pa.gov), or call 717-710-2090.

### ONLINE TRAINING

Interactive training modules on transportation and land use planning topics are available online. For each topic, the self-guided training covers key principles and practices, examples and key resources, benefits and challenges, and potential next steps. Each module requires approximately 15 minutes of viewing time. The modules are available on the [PennDOT Connects page](#) on [PennDOT's website](#).

### TECH SHEETS

Tech sheets provide information on land use and transportation planning. To download the tech sheets, visit the [PennDOT Connects page](#) on [PennDOT's website](#). They are resources to share at a municipal meeting or with staff to help explain planning concepts. Check the website for new tech sheets as they will be added throughout the year.

### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SUPPORT

If you are looking for support with transportation and land use planning or want to know how PennDOT Connects may benefit your community, please email [paconnects@pa.gov](mailto:paconnects@pa.gov) or call 717-710-2090. PennDOT staff will assist you with finding the right resources to support your municipality.

All services provided by the PennDOT Connects Municipal Support Program are free to municipalities.

PennDOT and its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) planning partners have a long-standing relationship jointly preparing transportation studies, plans, and programs to make the best possible transportation project investments with available resources.

This strategic alliance is now of even greater importance for implementing PennDOT Connects. 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 at:

[www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/MPO-and-RPO-Contact-List.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/MPO-and-RPO-Contact-List.aspx)