October 2023 Newsletter



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Join Us for a Conversation About Electric Vehicle Charging

PennDOT is hosting six community engagement events throughout Pennsylvania in October and November for community members to learn about electric vehicles (EVs), current initiatives and funding opportunities. Attendees are encouraged to participate in interactive discussions and provide their thoughts about EVs and the current and future needs of their communities.

The upcoming sessions are:

Wednesday, November 1 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. H.O. Hirt Auditorium at Blasco Memorial Library

Thursday, November 2 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. <u>GoogleWorks</u>

Wednesday, November 8 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

For information on, and to register for the remaining sessions, visit **PennDOT's Community Information Sessions page.**

PennDOT Accepting Public-Private Partnership Proposals

In October, PennDOT's Office of Public-Private Partnerships (P3) announced it is accepting unsolicited proposals for transportation projects from the private sector through 11:59 p.m. EST on November 10, 2023.

The submission period applies to PennDOT-owned projects and infrastructure. Proposals submitted should offer innovative ways to deliver transportation projects across a variety of modes, including roads, bridges, rail, aviation and ports. Proposals can also include more efficient models to manage existing transportation-related services and programs.

The private sector may also submit applications for non-PennDOTowned assets directly to the P3 board by that deadline. Transportation entities outside of the governor's jurisdiction, such as transit authorities, may establish their own timelines or accept proposals year-round. PennDOT's next unsolicited proposal acceptance period is April 2024.

The state's P3 law allows PennDOT and other transportation authorities and commissions to partner with private companies to participate in delivering, maintaining and financing transportation-related projects.

To learn more about P3s in Pennsylvania, instructions on submission and information on the unsolicited proposal review process, visit **PennDOT's P3 page.**



Federal Discretionary Grants Spotlight

PennDOT's website <u>offers the latest news and information</u> on federal grant opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Grant opportunities, application guides and other resources on federal grant funding are added as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs are an opportunity that would benefit your community.

The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

💋 Thriving Communities Program

The **Thriving Communities Program (TCP)** provides technical tools and organizational capacity to disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate and human health policies so they can both compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable them to thrive.

TCP has two separate response opportunities (note that these are individual application processes):

- Letters of Interest (LOI) Eligible applicants RECEIVE TCP support and assistance as a voluntary program with no obligation to apply for grants
- Capacity Builders Eligible applicants PROVIDE technical assistance, planning or capacity building services to help disadvantaged communities

The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is November 1, 2023, for LOI and November 14, 2023, for Capacity Builders.

The deadline to apply for this program is November 15, 2023, 4:59 p.m. EST, for LOI and November 28, 2023, 4:59 p.m. EST, for Capacity Builders.

Bridge Investment Program – Large Bridge

The goals of the Large Bridge Investment Program (BIP) 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.

Awards are provided to a Large BIP if the following two conditions

are met:

- 1. Project is reasonably expected to begin construction no later than 18 months after the date funds are obligated
- 2. Preliminary engineering has already been completed for the project

The deadline for requesting PennDOT support for fiscal year (FY) 2023 and 2024 is November 8, 2023.

The deadline for applying for FY 2023 and 2024 funds in this rolling application process * is November 27, 2023, 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.

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