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PennDOT Connects November 2022 Newsletter

Green Light-Go Year 8 Application Period Open

The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the "Green Light-Go Program", is a competitive state grant program designed to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Established by Act 89 of 2013 and revised by Act 101 of 2016, the program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Operations.

The Green Light-Go Program is a reimbursement grant program and applicants are required to provide a minimum 20% match.

PennDOT is announcing the next round of the Green Light-Go Program (Year 8). Prior to application submission, applicants must complete and submit a Pre-Application Scoping Form in accordance with the Green Light-Go Program Guidelines. Pre-Application scoping forms will be accepted via email (GLG@pa.gov) until December 23, 2022.

Full applications must be submitted electronically through the DCED Single Application for Assistance between Jan. 3 and 23, 2023. Instructions for completing the application are in the Green Light-Go Program Guidelines.

It is anticipated that awards from this application round will be announced in summer 2023 and the projects must be completed by spring 2026.

New this year:

The pre-application scoping process will be coordinated through the Green Light-Go program office in the Bureau of Operations to ensure consistent reviews statewide.

Applicants are asked to verify that a Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement is in place prior to submitting an application. Since this requires a resolution of the governing body, applicants should plan ahead to schedule passage of the resolution prior to the application deadline if the applicant has not already executed the agreement.

The cost estimating guidelines have been updated, and a template cost estimate spreadsheet is available. The template spreadsheet contains tabs for relevant sections of PennDOT specifications and includes standard item numbers applicable to traffic signals.

Please visit the [Green Light-Go](#) page of the Traffic Signal Portal for more information. Looking for answers to questions, check out the [FAQ document](#). Email GLG@pa.gov with questions.

Grant Opportunities

Visit PennDOT's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) webpage to learn more about the available grant opportunities. BIL provides approximately \$550 billion in new Federal infrastructure investment, including many new discretionary grant programs.

Pennsylvania has the opportunity to compete for billions of dollars in funding across a wide range of grant programs, including, but not limited to:

- Bridge Infrastructure
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Safety programs for all modes of transportation
- Reconnecting Communities
- New and emerging technologies

To assist in understanding the various transportation programs, PennDOT has created and will continue to create Grant Alerts for the competitive grant programs as the Notice of Funding Opportunities are released. The goal is to ensure that all Pennsylvania agencies are prepared to apply to programs for which they are eligible.

The Grant Alerts provide basic background information about the grant including eligibility and application due dates, project timeframes and PennDOT's areas of emphasis and support. PennDOT seeks to lead, partner, and provide support to projects that make the Commonwealth's transportation network safer and more efficient.

PA webpage: <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/Doing-Business/Pages/IIJA.aspx>

FHWA webpage: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>

Your Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Rural Planning Organization (RPO) partners are a great resource if you are interested in a grant program. MPO/RPO contacts can be found [here](#).

Electric Vehicle Charging Funding



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ABOUT...**

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING FUNDING**

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PennDOT is facilitating stakeholder engagement sessions in partnership with local utilities, PA DEP, and the regional Clean Cities Coalition. These educational sessions are targeted toward businesses and stakeholders to highlight the state plan for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. In addition, our utility partners will provide information on how best to coordinate and request high level site analysis to estimate cost and options for power access. These events will include a 1-hour presentation, followed by a 1-hour networking session to encourage EV supply companies, potential site hosts, and small and diverse businesses to create connections for future NEVI fund applications.

Why Join Us

- ✓ Learn about the new National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program.
- ✓ Learn how to coordinate early in project development with local utilities.
- ✓ Network with industry and businesses from the region.

**READING Thursday, December 1
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**CLEARFIELD Thursday, December 8
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/ziDbubcqDZ>

Online Training

Developer Negotiations

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.

One of the many resources PennDOT Connects offers municipalities is a series of interactive training modules on transportation and land use planning. These self-guided 15-minute online trainings cover key principles and practices, examples, key resources, benefits and challenges, and potential next steps.

Has your municipality entered into Developer Negotiations with a developer proposing a subdivision or land development project? Often times these plans come before municipalities for approval that necessitate additional costs for off-site improvements.

Watch the “[Developer Negotiations](#)” PennDOT Connects online training at your convenience to learn about how these negotiations may be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) and how they can encourage private investment in transportation infrastructure and can link development with municipal and MPO/ RPO planning.

Go to the [PennDOT Connects](#) page on the [PennDOT website](#) for a full listing on online training.



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](#).

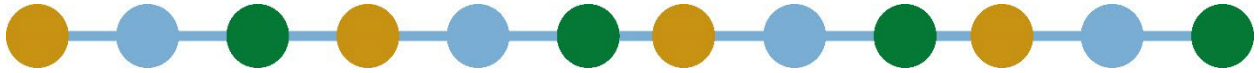
PennDOT Connects

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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