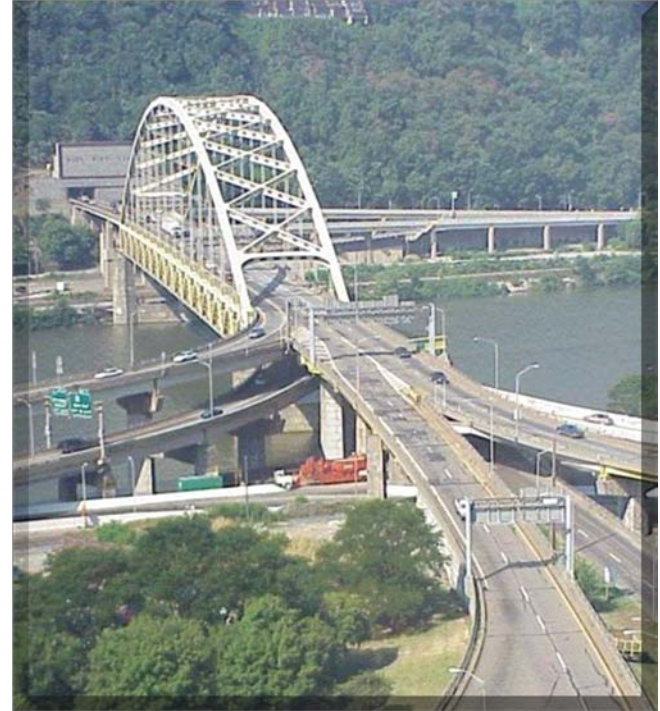
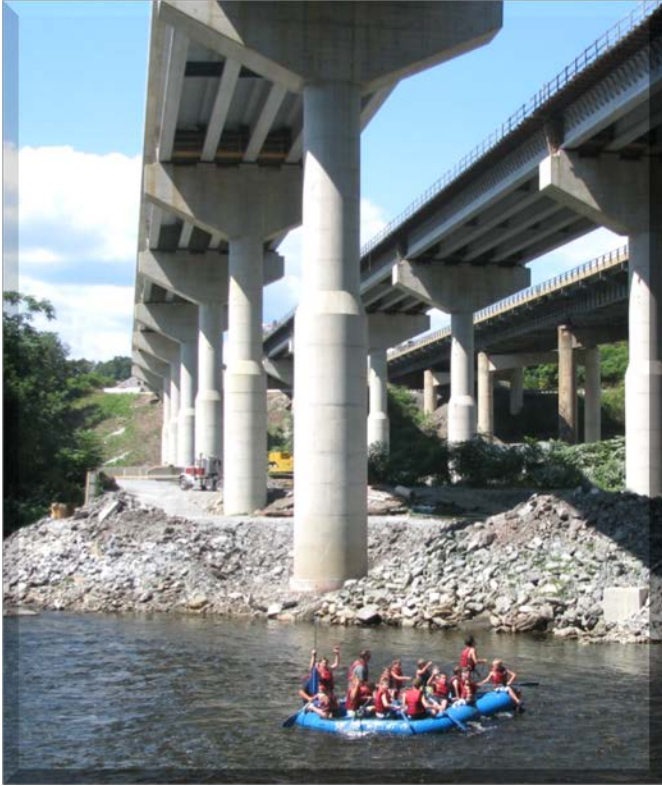


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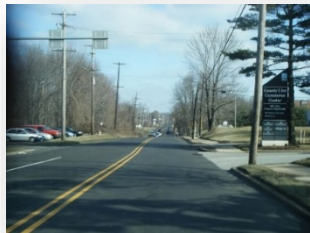
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Planning in a 21st Century State DOT



“State DOTs are no longer just held accountable for the transportation system; they are also held accountable for how the system supports and improves quality of life for communities.”



Transportation Research Board, National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 798: The Role of Planning in a 21st Century State Department of Transportation—Supporting Strategic Decisionmaking, 3/23/2016

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- Identify needs of communities and related issues early in project planning
- Consider community transportation needs
 - ✓ Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
 - ✓ Transit access
 - ✓ Stormwater management
 - ✓ Green infrastructure
- Fully integrate into our Process



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- Community transportation needs assessment based on:
 - ✓ Comprehensive plans
 - ✓ Other local planning studies
- Local government must demonstrate features are a (documented) element of the community vision
- Cost is a consideration, but not reason enough to disregard improvements

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Pedestrians

Dedicated pedestrian facilities should be evaluated for all highway projects. Depending on the project's context, these may include elements like a multiuse trail, sidewalk, and crosswalks with supportive elements like HAWK beacons. In rural areas, a walkable shoulder can serve as a very basic pedestrianway, provided it is connected to accessible curb ramps.

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Pedestrian facilities will be accommodated:

- Shared roadway/walkable shoulder
- Sidewalks
- Multi-use trail
- Additional element(s): _____

Pedestrian facilities will NOT be accommodated because (at least one):

- Location is greater than .25 mile from any existing pedestrian facility or public transit stop, and is not recommended for a pedestrian connection in any local, county, or regional plan.
- Location has unique site constraints, such as steep slopes.
- Safe pedestrian accommodations would drastically increase the overall anticipated project cost (in such cases, consider opportunities to ensure future pedestrian accommodations are not precluded by the design)
- Additional reasons(s) and notes:

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PennDOT is committed to enhancing community collaboration in our planning process.

- District and Planning Partner staff meet with local staff on all new projects added to the 2017 TIP
 - Required for all projects that had no project phase included on a prior TIP
 - Required for all projects that have not started PE or started PE since July 1, 2016.



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- If justified, incorporate transportation needs into scope of work
- Document issues and justification (or lack of) in the LPN form
- Program Center staff responsible to QA TIP process
- Program Center Open End Agreements are available
- Validate community collaboration at E&E Scoping



MEETING OF THE MINDS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Meeting of the Minds

Leveraging Roles & Partnerships

Aligning Resources

Changing Culture

Meeting of the Minds: Leveraging Roles & Partnerships

To make the most of the complementary strengths of:

- PennDOT
- MPO/RPOs
- Municipalities
- Networks, advocates, community & regional resources

We must . . .



Meeting of the Minds: Aligning Resources

What are the challenges, opportunities and priorities for . . .

- Funding
- Organizations' staff and time
- Systems and processes
- Data- and information-sharing
- Knowledge and skill-building



Meeting of the Minds: Changing Culture

What cultural changes are necessary to support . . .

- Collaborative planning
- A focus on community quality of life
- Effective policy implementation
- Innovative problem-solving



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