

Highway Transfer “Turnback” Program FACT SHEET

The Turnback Program is a cooperative and voluntary program between PennDOT and municipal governments.

The objective of the Turnback Program is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads that are better suited to local government purposes. This includes roads that have low average daily traffic or would benefit the municipality both socially and economically.

Before a roadway can be transferred to a municipality, local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a highway transfer.

PennDOT either rehabilitates the roadway before the transfer of the roadway to the municipality or provides the participating municipality the funding to rehabilitate the roadway to improve its quality and service life.

Municipalities receive an annual payment for the maintenance of the roadway. The payments are released March 1, two years after the year of transfer. For example, if a road transfer agreement is completed in the calendar year 2012, the maintenance payment will begin annually on March 1, 2014, in perpetuity.

On July 7, 2006, Act 70 became law which authorized an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback miles of road transferred to a municipality from \$2,500 per mile to **\$4,000** per mile.

PennDOT Publication 310 establishes the policy and procedural guidance for the transfer of functionally-local state highways to municipalities. This is available on the website.

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