

PennDOT Connects Municipal Training for Transportation and Land Use Planning

Does new development or old growth patterns in your community hinder the ability of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians to move about safely and efficiently? Are you prepared to advocate for your municipality to maintain or improve your community character? Are you seeking funding sources to support transportation projects? PennDOT Connects is ready to provide personalized training to support your efforts and to connect you with the people to build a transportation partnership.

PennDOT Connects offers free training on transportation and land use planning topics. The goal of the training is to assist with your planning efforts and help your municipality and PennDOT partner during transportation projects. You may select a preset training or choose among the submodules to create a training session that meets your needs. Each training explains the planning topic, provides resources, gives examples, and offers next steps. A PennDOT Connects technical expert will come to your community FREE OF CHARGE to deliver the training and facilitate discussions on how these planning concepts may be used in your community.



How to Request Training

Go to paconnects.org, register as a user, and enter a request for assistance, or you may call 717-710-2090 or email PAConnects@pa.gov to request training. Describe the training you would like to have presented and a PennDOT Connects representative will contact you to review the details and select a date. Your role is to provide the facility and invite the participants. PennDOT Connects will provide the technical expert free of charge. Invitees may be from within your municipality or a group of municipalities.

Training Modules

Improving Safety

Maintaining or Improving Community Character

Funding the Maintenance of the Existing Transportation System

Improving Mobility and Efficiency

Encouraging Multimodal Transportation

Accommodating Growth within the Transportation and Natural Environments

PennDOT Connects – Powered by Communities

Local Safety Road Plan (LSRP)

Planning for Bicycle, Trails, and Greenways

Integrating Transportation and Land Use in Comprehensive Plans



What is PennDOT Connects?

The PennDOT Connects policy, initiated by Secretary of Transportation Leslie S. Richards as a top priority, 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.

For more information:
717-710-2090
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Modules on General Planning Topics

Each module provides approximately a half-day of training focused on a planning topic. Below is a list of the modules and the submodules included within each module. If the modules don't suit your needs, you may select a group of submodules from the list below. A PennDOT Connects technical expert will deliver the modules you request, facilitate discussions, and answer questions. Each submodule offers about 10-15 minutes of training.

MODULE	SUBMODULE
Improving Safety	Access Management Regulations and Coordinated HOP Processing Site Design and Roadway Standards Traffic Operations Zoning for Mixed Uses and to Accommodate Higher Densities Zoning Overlays
Maintaining or Improving Community Character	Adaptive Reuse of Land and Buildings Multi-Municipal Zoning and Intergovernmental Cooperative Planning and Implementation Agreements Parking Considerations Site Design and Roadway Standards Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) Urban Growth Areas/Rural Preservation Zoning for Mixed Uses and to Accommodate Higher Densities
Funding the Maintenance of the Existing Transportation System	Capital Improvement Programming (CIP) Developer Negotiation Loan and Funding Reimbursement Programs Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Transit Revitalization Investment Districts (TRID) Transportation Impact Fees Transportation Partnerships
Improving Mobility and Efficiency	Access Management Regulations and Coordinated HOP Processing Official Map Site Design and Roadway Standards Traffic Operations Zoning for Mixed Uses and to Accommodate Higher Densities
Encouraging Multimodal Transportation	Parking Considerations Site Design and Roadway Standards Zoning for Mixed Uses and to Accommodate Higher Densities Transit Revitalization Investment Districts (TRID)
Accommodating Growth within the Transportation and Natural Environments	Access Management Regulations and Coordinated HOP Processing Adaptive Reuse of Land and Buildings Multi-Municipal Zoning and Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements Official Map Urban Growth Areas/Rural Preservation Zoning for Mixed Uses and to Accommodate Higher Densities Zoning Overlays Transit Revitalization Investment Districts (TRID)

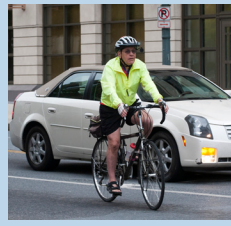
Transportation Planning: Connecting with Community Priorities



Mobility & Efficiency



Multimodal Transportation



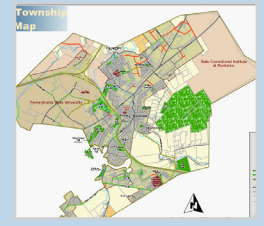
Safety



Community Character



Project Funding



Accommodating Growth

Other Training

PennDOT Connects – Powered by Communities

This training will explain the PennDOT Connects policy, how it is being implemented, and how communities benefit and engage in the process. To learn more about this course go to paconnects.org for more information on the course.

Local Safety Road Plan (LSRP)

This training will teach a municipality how to develop a local road safety plan that provides a framework for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing safety improvements on local roads. The content of a local road safety plan is tailored to local issues and needs and will vary accordingly. The process of developing a plan results in a prioritized list of issues, safety concerns, actions, and improvements, which can then be used to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on local roads.

Municipalities should consider developing a local road safety plan to use as a tool for reducing fatalities, injuries, and crashes and properly allocating limited safety resources. This Local Road Safety Plan can also be incorporated in your comprehensive plan. The plan should be viewed as a living document that can be updated to reflect changing local needs and priorities.

Planning for Bicycle, Trails, and Greenways

This training will help you plan for and implement bicycle facilities, trails, and greenways in your municipality. It will discuss the benefits and issues of providing these facilities in your community and the process for developing a community-based plan. It will also present information on design standards, safety features at roadway crossings, ADA compliance, and relevant research. This training will:

- Provide your municipality with the process and tools to develop a community-based plan;
- Identify safety features for the facilities, especially for trail/roadway crossings and other conflict points; and
- Discuss the benefits of having a plan and trail network in your community as well as lessons learned from around PA.

Note: If you are interested in a planning topic that is not listed, request the training topic that would benefit your municipality when you request training.

Are you a Registered PennDOT Connects Support Hub User?

Step 1 - REGISTER FOR A USER ACCOUNT

Register for an account at <https://paconnects.org> by clicking the Register icon, completing the short form, and selecting the green Register button at the bottom of the form. You will receive two automated emails.

Step 2 – REQUEST TRAINING

After validating your account, log in to the Support Hub using your email address and password. To request training, select the Request Assistance button. Select “General” under the departments then click on next at the bottom of the page. Under “Support Type Requested,” select “On-Site Visit/Training,” and under your message list the training or training topics you are requesting.

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 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 at <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/MPO-and-RPO-Contact-List.aspx>.