



**Help Shape the Future of Pennsylvania's Rail System: Share Your Input Today!**

In collaboration with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), PennDOT is updating the Pennsylvania State Rail Plan for 2025, which was last revised in 2020. The plan will assess passenger and freight rail needs over the next 20 years, focusing on safety, funding, policy, the environment, and economic development. Public and stakeholder input is a critical component of this process. To contribute, the public [can complete an online survey](#) on the State Rail Plan website through Thursday, Dec. 19. This feedback will help shape the future of Pennsylvania's rail system.

If you'd like to review additional information, a virtual public meeting was held earlier this month and meeting materials are posted online on the [Advancing PA Rail web page](#).

Any questions or comments can be directed to [RA-PDPASRP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDPASRP@pa.gov).

**PennDOT Achieves Record Road and Bridge Upgrades Across PA**



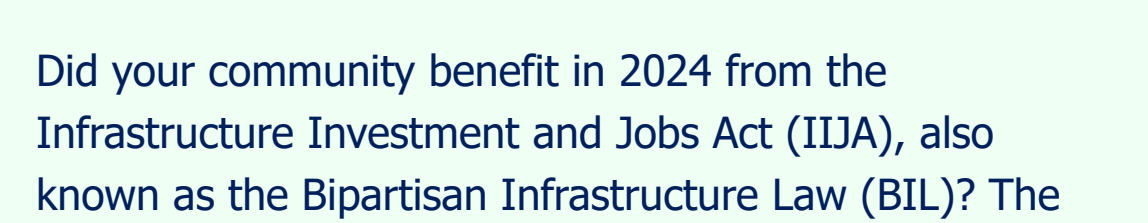
**2024 Statewide Accomplishments**

- 447 construction projects completed
- 422 state and local bridges improved
- 5,485 miles of roadway improvements
- 1,955 miles of paving
- 1,225 projects underway or out for bid
- \$8.66 billion in projects

This work represents nearly 500 more miles of roadway improvements and 600 more miles of paving than in the previous two years. In addition, work advanced on 1,106 state and local bridges, compared to 998 in the previous two years.

[ICYMI: PennDOT Delivers Record Number of Roadway and Bridge Improvements to Communities Across the Commonwealth](#)

To learn more about how PennDOT is delivering a safe and reliable transportation network across the state, visit [PennDOT's performance results web page](#).



**National Infrastructure Investment Continues to Benefit PA**

Did your community benefit in 2024 from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)? The Commonwealth continues to benefit from federal discretionary awards received by PennDOT. [Check out the list of 2024 funding recipients.](#)

**2024 Projects and Highlights**

JANUARY

- **Enhancing Pennsylvania's Public Charging Station Reliability and Equity**
  - Repair/replace broken/non-operational electric vehicle chargers
  - Awarded: \$5,000,000

- **Demonstration and Deployment - Electric Construction Vehicles**
  - Advance sustainability in construction operations by demonstrating and deploying electric construction vehicles
  - Awarded: \$645,486

MARCH

- **Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Data Exchange Vehicle Integration**
  - Leverages V2X to deliver real-time curve speed warnings to enhance road safety and facilitate the exchange of critical information to improve driving safety and efficiency
  - Awarded: \$1,784,556

APRIL

- **Protect the Parkway (I-376) Floodwall Improvement**
  - Raise the height of the floodwall protecting I-376 in downtown Pittsburgh from Monongahela River flooding
  - Awarded: \$6,669,000

JULY

- **Interstate 83 John Harris Memorial (South) Bridge**
  - Replace South Bridge to enhance its safety, efficiency, reliability, and overall condition
  - Awarded: \$500,000,000

SEPTEMBER

- **High Priority Innovative Technology Deployment (HP-ITD)**
  - Support innovative and impactful projects to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses
  - Awarded: \$1,434,560

NOVEMBER

- **PennDOT Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM)**
  - Focus on asphalt mixtures, cement/concrete, and steel to promote the use of LCTM to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in construction projects
  - Awarded: \$31,933,577
- **Integrating Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Data into Traffic Management Center (TMC) Systems**
  - Link CAD data from partners like the Pennsylvania State Police and 911 Centers to PennDOT's software to help the agencies work better together, manage incidents more effectively, and respond faster
  - Awarded: \$759,600

To see other BIL funding announced and awarded where PennDOT has supported its partners across Pennsylvania, the [Investing In America](#) web page contains an illustrative map with early and preliminary progress.

**BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight**

**Does Your Community Need Funding Support for Important Local Projects?**

The IIJA page on PennDOT's website offers [the latest news and information](#) on federal grant opportunities available through the IIJA, also known as the BIL.

Grant opportunities, [an updated guide for developing grant proposals](#), and other resources on federal grant funding are added to the IIJA page as they become available. Please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs would benefit your community.

The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications with deadlines in early 2025:

**⚡ Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)**

The [RAISE program](#) invests in transportation systems to improve safety, fairness, climate, and sustainability while creating jobs and addressing the needs of communities most impacted by pollution, climate change, and years of underinvestment. Selected projects will aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, include climate preparedness measures, avoid harming air and water quality, wetlands, and endangered species, and address the negative

environmental impacts on disadvantaged communities.

- **Deadline for requesting PennDOT support is Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025.**
- **Application deadline is Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

## **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)**

The PROTECT program will help build and maintain road, transit, port, and railway infrastructure that can better withstand severe weather events. PROTECT's grant funding provides for the continued operation and quick recovery of these transportation systems after extreme weather and aims to inspire innovation and best practices that other regions can replicate and adopt.

- **Deadline for requesting PennDOT support is Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.**
- **Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, 11:59 PM EST.**

*PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals, as applicable, and may include providing data and subject matter expertise, as available.*

*For any questions about transportation federal funding opportunities, please use the following email: [RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov).*

For a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications with rolling deadlines later in 2025 visit [PennDOT's IIJA web page](#).

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