

## Smart Transportation

Budget crises. Energy and infrastructure costs. Congestion. Public health. Economic development. Climate change. Quality of life. Pennsylvania's municipalities are grappling with these concerns and much more.

There are no easy answers to these issues, but the PennDOT is embarking on a new approach to thinking about transportation investments as part of the solution to these the challenges that we all face. PennDOT calls this new approach **Smart Transportation**, and we need your help to make it work.

### What Does "Smart Transportation" Actually Mean For Your Municipality?

- **A closer link between land use and transportation decisions.** The most important aspect of Smart Transportation is linking local land use and PennDOT's transportation planning to ensure that all of our investments encourage and support the land development patterns that your community desires and that are affordable and long-lasting.
- **More collaboration.** PennDOT is collaborating with a number of entities, including local governments, other state agencies, transit providers, developers, and neighborhood residents to arrive at community-oriented transportation solutions. "Collaboration" cannot simply be a buzzword—PennDOT is now coordinating its processes and decision-making in order to achieve a better approach to transportation.
- **Better utilization of existing resources.** Every project must be carefully evaluated to optimize its financial, environmental, and community benefits. Maintaining existing infrastructure is the best way to maximize our limited resources, which in turn means some new development must be steered towards places where infrastructure is already in place.
- **Safer places.** Smart Transportation encourages innovative measures that create a safe environment for everyone. Working together, local communities and PennDOT can identify creative, context-sensitive methods for improving our safety record in urban, suburban, and rural places.
- **More transportation choices.** Pennsylvania must invest in transportation solutions that include transportation choices for the future, including transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians, automobiles, and freight. PennDOT needs your help with investments in sidewalks, bike paths, transit, and the other elements that will help us achieve a more balanced transportation system.

### How Can You Get Involved?

Smart Transportation cannot be successful without the active involvement of a variety of people in Pennsylvania, especially those of you in local government.

- **Learn more about Smart Transportation.** Visit [www.smart-transportation.com](http://www.smart-transportation.com). There are a number of resources, news articles, and links related to Smart Transportation. What questions do you still have? What resources would be most helpful to you and your community? We need your feedback and ideas! Email them to [smarttransportation@state.pa.us](mailto:smarttransportation@state.pa.us).
- **Work with PennDOT on land use decisions.** PennDOT would be pleased to work with you as you consider new land use proposals and to help develop a transportation system that meets all of our needs. Please contact your local PennDOT Municipal Services Representative or LTAP for further assistance.
- **Become a PennDOT Smart Transportation Ambassador.** Contact us at [smarttransportation@state.pa.us](mailto:smarttransportation@state.pa.us) if you are interested in helping to spread the word about Smart Transportation to local community groups. We'll provide you with all the materials and training you'll need to get started.
- **Place Smart Transportation on your meeting agenda.** If you are looking for speakers for any local community gatherings, meetings, or conferences, we'd be happy to have an Ambassador come present to you! Contact us at [smarttransportation@state.pa.us](mailto:smarttransportation@state.pa.us) for more details.

Your active, positive involvement in transportation and land use issues will help lead to a more sustainable Pennsylvania. Together, we can ensure that our transportation system allows future generations to enjoy a vibrant economy, a healthy environment, and a great quality of life.

Smart Transportation starts with you.