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Shapiro Administration Announces \$80 Million in Grant Funding to Support Community Infrastructure Projects that Improve Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety

PennDOT will host a TA Set-Aside Webinar on Wednesday, July 9

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Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Surface Block Grant Program will begin accepting applications on July 14 and be open for submissions through October 31, 2025. The Shapiro Administration will offer a total of \$80 million across award recipients, supporting the Administration's goal of expanding access to a range of transportation options and improving safe access to schools in communities across Pennsylvania.

A webinar for municipalities and other project sponsors will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 10:00 AM to talk through the application process and answer questions that applicants may have; project sponsors may include regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, public land agencies, and school districts, local education agencies or schools. To join the webinar and learn more about the application process and eligible projects, please visit the TASA Webpage.

"Pennsylvanians make decisions about how they travel for many reasons, the most critical of which is the infrastructure available to them," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "The TA Set-Aside program offers communities around the Commonwealth the opportunity to improve infrastructure and provide residents with a broader range of transportation options."

TA Set-Aside program provides funds to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, incorporate community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, provide environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity, create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, and provide for vulnerable road user safety assessment program projects.

Draft applications must be submitted to PennDOT district offices by September 5, 2025. All participating large Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPOs) selections and all District and Planning Partner application review comments will be due January 23, 2026. The statewide project selection committee will meet in March 2026 to recommend projects for receipt of statewide TA Set-Aside funds.

Guidance and procedures for PennDOT's 2025 TA Set-Aside Program can be found here. Potential sponsors can submit questions to RA-pdTASA@pa.gov.

Information about state infrastructure in Pennsylvania, including completed work and significant projects, can be found here. Find PennDOT's planned and active construction projects at https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/projects-near-you.html.





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