

2027-2030 Wayne County Independent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Development/Prioritization Process

The Wayne County (Independent) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was developed based on the methodologies outlined in Pennsylvania's 2027 Transportation Program General and Procedural Guidance via General Planning Requirements and supports the goal areas established in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT's) current long-range transportation plan. The document was fiscally constrained per the guidance provided in the Pennsylvania 2027 Transportation Program Financial Guidance.

PennDOT, through its Center for Program Development and Management and PennDOT Engineering District 4-0, serves as the liaison for transportation infrastructure decisions within the Wayne County region. The Department meets with Wayne County officials to discuss important transportation needs that can be addressed by projects that become part of the draft TIP. The production of the TIP is the culmination of the transportation planning process and represents a consensus among the Department and Wayne County officials regarding which transportation projects to develop and advance based on available funding. Consensus is crucial because, before committing significant funding, federal and state governments want assurances that all interested parties have actively participated in developing the region's priorities. A project's inclusion on the Wayne County Independent TIP signifies agreement on the priority of the project and establishes eligibility for state and federal funding. Wayne County officials are jointly involved in the project selection process with the Department along with state and federal agencies. Other organizations and the public become actively involved through the STIP Public Comment process, which allows them to communicate directly with the Wayne County Planning Commission and PennDOT regarding project selections and their transportation concerns in the region.

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- General and Procedural and Financial Guidance issued by the Department in May 2025.
- District 4-0 discusses with Wayne County and updates project costs and schedules for carryover and candidate projects for inclusion in the draft Wayne County TIP in Fall 2025.
- With consensus between the Department and Wayne County, the draft TIP was submitted to PennDOT Program Center in late December 2025.
- TIP Public Comment period as part of the STIP Public Comment period – June 15-June 29, 2026.
- State Transportation Commission (STC) adopts Twelve Year Program (TYP) – August 2026 (which will serve as adoption of the Wayne County TIP).
- Submission of TIP, as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – August 2026.
- After final approval of the STIP by FHWA and FTA, the Wayne County TIP will take effect at the beginning of the federal fiscal year on October 1, 2026.