# We Want to Hear from You!

The State Transportation Commission (STC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) conduct a survey every two years as part of the 12-Year Program (TYP) Update public comment period. Public input from the survey is used to inform the update of the TYP as well as updates to other state transportation programs.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the survey is to collect feedback in key transportation areas including Transportation Modes, Budget, Transportation Issues, and Priorities. You will be asked to identify and categorize your concerns by Bridge, Freight, Pedestrian or Bike, Roadway, and Transit.

Examples for each category include but are not limited to:

- Bridge: narrow, bridge closure is affecting access to local businesses
- Freight: truck route needed, closure, widening needed due to growing freight developments
- Pedestrian or Bike: crosswalk safety, bike trail connection, signage needed to alert drivers
- Roadway: congestion, merge length, additional lanes needed, unsafe intersection
- Transit: bus stop needed, ADA compliance updates, limited access to train stations

The STC is looking for long-term solutions. To report an immediate state-owned road condition or safety concern, please submit your comments at <u>the customer care center</u> or call 1-800-FIX-ROAD.

## **Tips For Submitting Effective Comments:**

Your input will help align regional and statewide transportation priorities. The following suggestions are intended to provide guidance for submitting comments that will help the STC and PennDOT best use your feedback. One comment that is well-supported with facts and local knowledge can be more influential than 100 comments on a single topic.

- **Be constructive** When possible, support a comment with an example. A constructive, information-rich comment that is clear and supported by facts and local knowledge is more likely to have a decision-making impact.
- **Be concise** While there is no minimum or maximum length for an effective comment, being specific and using plain language can help better identify the concern.
- **Gather information and documentation** Be specific about location and clearly explain the issues and impacts. Always provide data or evidence if possible and then propose a solution.
- **Questions to consider** What are the region's needs? What should be prioritized when considering both funding and the safety of the roads? How can the STC best address safety, congestion, accessibility, economic development, and asset condition?

## What's Next?

During the Public Comment Period, the STC will review comments and compile information for decision making. A summary that details demographic information and comment data will be available for the public to review. **Comments will be accepted for the 12-Year Transportation Program from March 3 to April 30, 2025.** 





Please take a moment to tell us about the transportation needs that are important to you. We encourage you to share your opinions, interests, and concerns about transportation, particularly the needs in the community where you live. Your feedback is an important part of the 2027 12-Year Transportation Program update process. Your input is also used to inform other state and regional transportation plans and programs such as Pennsylvania's Long Range Transportation Plan and Freight Movement Plan.

## Please tell us what YOU think!

## **TELL US YOUR TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

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To provide more detailed feedback, please use the Project Feedback Form available by request. See contact information on page 7.





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## TELL US HOW YOU TRAVEL

Think about how you travel throughout the commonwealth. What mode(s) of travel do you use for a typical commute? (select all that apply)

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~	Aviation (includes helicopters, commercial and private airplanes)								
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## **TELL US WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU**

Please rank the transportation priorities below to show what is most important to you. Indicate the importance by ranking each one from 0 (not important) to 5 (most important) in the small box to the left of each priority. The total of your ranking can not exceed 20. For example, you can have no more than 4 priorities ranked as a 5. (5 x 4 = 20)



Aviation

Modern facilities, operations and a wide-range of commercial airline choices at airports



## Freight

Modern highways, railways, airports and waterways to support the economy and ensure the efficient movement of goods and services



**Traffic Flow** 

Using technology to improve traffic flow and construction of new roads and additional travel lanes to safely move people and goods more efficiently



## Transit

Accessible and timely public transportation that covers an extensive service area and crosses regions



## **Road Pavement**

Repairing, restoring, reconstructing and maintaining Pennsylvania's 120,000 miles of state and local roadways to improve your travel



## Bicycling

Safe bicycle routes and facilities throughout the commonwealth to get you where you need to go



## Walking

Accessible and connected routes to get you where you need to go safely



### Passenger Rail

Intercity and commuter rail service across Pennsylvania with out-of-state connections



## Bridges

Repairing, replacing and maintaining Pennsylvania's 31,000 state and local bridges

## Our Priorities for You: Safety and Efficiency

The feedback is documented, reviewed and shared with our planning partners. The information is then used to help identify needs and prioritize transportation projects in the updated 12-Year Program.



### **Interstate Highways**

Specific, prioritized investments in reconstructing Pennsylvania's 1,868 miles of Interstate Highways

### Do you want to add another priority?

O Yes O No Please list your suggestion below:

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## **TELL US HOW MUCH YOU WOULD SPEND**

PennDOT faces challenges with balancing transportation needs with available financial resources. Even with the enhanced revenues generated by Act 89 of 2013, the demand for improvements far exceeds the available budget. To assist the STC and PennDOT with prioritizing investment, please share how you would budget your transportation dollars. If you had \$100 to spend on transportation, where would you allocate your resources?

Please place your budget amount in the box next to the dollar sign \$. The goal is to fund all transportation areas without exceeding your budget of \$100.



All existing transportation assets are maintained and preserved at a high level of safety, reliability, and performance. This includes, but is not limited to, highway resurfacing and bridge repair

Preservation

and replacement.



## **Bicycling/Walking**

Providing safe options to access walking and biking, linking cities and communities. Investments could include bicycle lanes, pedestrian safety improvements and improved connections to other types of transportation.



### More lanes, new roads

Building new roadways and reconstructing existing highways to increase capacity and ease traffic.



## Technology

Integrate state-of-the-art technology to improve the operation and safety of the transportation network. Investments could include smart traffic signals, highway message boards and other services to better inform drivers, connected and autonomous vehicles technology, and other highway, transit, and passenger rail technology.



### **Ride more, drive less**

Public transit, passenger rail, ride-share, and carpooling offer alternatives to driving alone. Investments could include new transit service, high-speed rail lines, increased frequency of service, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and park and ride lots.



## **Economic Support**

Emphasize improvements to ensure the reliable movement of goods to help get your packages to you on time. This would include additional roadway capacity and connections to support critical highway, rail, water, and airport facilities.

## Do you want to increase the budget?

Suggest how Pennsylvania can increase transportation funding.







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## **TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOU**

The diversity of participation in this survey is also a very important part of the transportation planning process. Please complete the remaining questions to finish the survey.

#### 1. Your age:

b. 18-24

a. Under 18

g. 65-74

f. 55-64

- c. 25-34 h. 75-84
- d. 35-44 i. 85 and older
- e. 45-54 j. Rather not say

### 2. Your gender:

- a. Female b. Male
- c. Third gender/nonconforming
- d. I prefer to self-describe \_\_\_\_
- e. I prefer not to answer

### 3. Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Does your household have access to a vehicle?
- O Yes

🔵 No

### 5. What is your household income?

- \$25,000 \$49,000
- More than \$200,000
- \$50,000 \$99,000 Prefer not to say

## 6. What category best describes you?

(select all that apply)

- O White
- O Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin
- Black or African American
- 🔘 Asian
- O American Indian or Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Some other race, ethnicity or origin
- Rather not say

#### 7. Which stakeholder group do you primarily represent as a participant in the survey? (please select one)

a. General Public

- b. Government/Elected Official
- c. Transportation Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Rural Planning Organization Name
- e. Other Name
- 8. Please provide your email and phone number if you would like to receive updates and notices on future opportunities to participate.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank you for taking the survey!

PennDOT, the State Transportation Commission and their Planning Partners throughout the commonwealth appreciate your time and input. The results of this survey will be available for review in June of this year on the State Transportation Commission website: www.TalkPATransportation.com.

#### Please send your completed form to:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Center for Program Development & Management Twelve Year Program Section Attn: Daniel L. Keane, Transportation Planning Manager 400 North St., 6th Floor | Harrisburg, PA 17120-0211 - or -Email: RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov

PennDOT will make all reasonable modifications to policies, programs, and documents to ensure that people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency have an equal opportunity to access all of the programs, services and activities.

To request assistance to participate in the survey, contact the Department's Program Center by emailing <u>RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov</u> or calling (717) 783-2262 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Individuals who have other questions or challenges can contact the Department's Bureau of Workforce and Business Opportunity to request help by emailing <u>RA-penndoteoreports@pa.gov</u> or calling 717-787-5891; TTY (711).

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