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Construction Underway at Pennsylvania's First Federally Funded Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Pennsylvania is among the first in the nation to reach a milestone and demonstrate swift implementation of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. Construction is underway at Pennsylvania's first federally funded electric vehicle (EV) charging station built as part of the <u>National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure</u> (<u>NEVI</u>) program, funded by the federal BIL and administered by PennDOT.

The charging station is being installed at the Pilot Travel Center in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as part of Pilot Company's collaboration with General Motors. The cost of construction is supported by \$610,393 in NEVI funds. Pilot Company will own the charging station, working with EVgo to deploy the chargers as part of its eXtend service. Once complete, EV drivers will have access to four charging ports, restrooms, Wi-Fi, food, beverages and other convenience items for purchase. Construction is expected to be complete by early 2024.

This location is one of <u>56 projects in 37 Pennsylvania counties</u>

selected to expand access to, and the reliability of, EV charging in Pennsylvania. The projects that were conditionally awarded funding in the first round will receive a total \$34.8 million. The investment is part of the \$171.5 million PennDOT will receive and distribute for EV charging infrastructure over five years through the BIL.

For comprehensive information on NEVI and funding in Pennsylvania visit <u>PennDOT's NEVI web page</u>.

Additional NEVI Funding Round Dates Announced

In <u>another press release</u>, PennDOT announced program details for Round 1A of NEVI funding. The proposal period will open on December 11, 2023, and close on January 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST.

Round 1A funding will focus on closing gaps along the <u>Alternative</u> <u>Fuel Corridors</u> for EV charging following the previous Round 1 project selections. Thirty-five corridor groups will be eligible for funding in Round 1A and <u>can be seen on a map on PennDOT's</u> <u>website.</u>

Following October and November community engagement sessions around the state, PennDOT hosted a virtual Round 1A information session in November. A recording of the webinar will be posted on <u>PennDOT's NEVI web page</u> when available. Funding details and additional materials for applicants' reference and use are available on <u>PennDOT's "Apply for NEVI Funds" web page</u>.

All proposals must be submitted electronically through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's eGrants system at <u>Keystone Login - Single</u> <u>Application</u> by no later than 5:00 PM EST on January 26, 2024.

Please submit technical questions by December 4, 2023, to <u>RA-</u> <u>PDEVCorridors@pa.gov</u>.

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Construction Beginning on Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership Projects

Work is beginning on six bridge replacement projects across the state under PennDOT's Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership (MBP3) program. Both the <u>I-81 Susquehanna Bridges</u> and <u>I-80</u> <u>Canoe Creek Bridges</u> projects started this fall, with the other bridge replacements beginning next year.

To learn more about PennDOT's MBP3 program visit the **program** web page. You can also find specific details and sign up for each bridge's mailing list on the applicable project pages:

- I-80 Nescopeck Creek Bridges
- I-81 Susquehanna Bridges
- <u>I-78 Lenhartsville Bridge</u>
- I-80 Over Lehigh River Bridge
- <u>I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges</u>
- <u>I-80 North Fork Bridges</u>

Discretionary Grants Spotlight – Current Technical Assistance Available

On September 1, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration updated and released a <u>Technical Assistance</u> document to support disadvantaged communities, biking, multiuse paths and active transportation initiatives.

This resource provides robust government and non-government entity information and associated funding programs and available tools. Website and contact information is also provided along with federal match details as applicable. The resource is intended as a sample and not an exhaustive list of the many assistance opportunities available.

The <u>DOT Navigator</u> is a resource that spotlights technical assistance and explains how to apply for grants and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.

The DOT Navigator bulletin recently shared <u>"10 Tips to Get a</u> <u>Federal Transportation Grant"</u> published by the National League of Cities. This article spotlights 10 key tips to help build the best and most competitive application possible.

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