

Pennsylvania Chapter of APA Policy Statement on Surface Transportation

Vision

We see an efficient, well-maintained, and strong transportation system which supports the Triple Bottom Line approach of Economic Growth, Equitable Choices, and Environmental Stewardship & Technology. It must be supported by stable funding sources, ensure access to all peoples with functional connectivity between modes, and be respectful of the environment. Recognizing that non-motorized modes are becoming the norm, designs for the system must anticipate the challenges of integrating contemporary innovations within the existing structure, thus moving the Commonwealth forward into the mid-century.

Economic Growth

1. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports efforts to promote legislation that would secure dedicated, stable, and sustainable statewide funding for all modes of transportation, notably for the maintenance, repair and strategic expansion of the public transportation and highway and bridge systems.
2. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports enabling legislation to allow county and regional officials to enact new revenue sources to invest locally to support both capital improvement and system maintenance projects across all modes of transportation to spur economic growth.
3. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports transportation investments that are linked to and promote land use policies that encourage, where appropriate, smart growth principles of mixed use, increased densities, walkable communities, and infill development, that ultimately can reduce vehicular trips and produce sustainable economic growth.
4. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports the initiative for PennDOT, working with local governments, to lead the effort through the implementation of elements of the state freight plan that identify ways to improve the integration of the movement and delivery of goods within the multimodal transportation system, and that encourage economic growth in the Commonwealth.
5. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports the development and growth of an intercity passenger rail service, such as the Keystone Corridor, between mid-sized and major cities that will provide transportation choices for those communities, while spurring economic growth and opportunity.

Equitable Choices

1. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports all levels of government in the Commonwealth adopting policies and legislation that promote Complete Streets, which are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.
2. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports efforts to improve intermodal connections, including automobile, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, multi-modal centers, and park-and-ride facilities; and to remove legislative, bureaucratic, and societal barriers to enable safe alternative transportation options and technologies (e.g., bicycle- and scooter-sharing; electric bicycles and scooters).
3. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports the PennDOT Connects project development program and efforts by all levels of government in the Commonwealth to actively solicit and

encourage public and stakeholder involvement in transportation planning projects in the early and ongoing stages of project design.

4. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports efforts to identify and prioritize transportation investments that will provide transportation choices for disadvantaged communities in urban, suburban, and rural locations, which have in the past may have been marginalized or neglected.

Environmental Stewardship & Technology

1. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports the clean-up and reuse of “brownfields” and previously developed sites in urban and suburban communities to support existing transportation systems and reduce the need for new infrastructure.
2. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports efforts to better manage the Commonwealth’s interstates, highways, and roadways through the use of adaptive technology, automatic enforcement, real-time monitoring to reduce congestion, and innovative measures to improve traffic flow.
3. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports initiatives by government and businesses leaders to encourage, incentivize, legalize, and fund transportation demand management (TDM) strategies such as telecommuting, carpooling, vanpooling, compressed work weeks, and other nationally-recognized ideas to reduce vehicle trips.
4. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports efforts by PennDOT to advance the readiness of the Commonwealth’s roadway system for the needs of electric vehicles and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by collaboration with technology companies, universities, and vehicle manufacturers.
5. The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA supports all levels of government in the Commonwealth to advance technologies that allow for the safe and responsible introduction and implementation of innovative transportation modes and technologies, such as autonomous vehicles and other advanced mobility models.

Intergovernmental & Public Coordination

We recognize that a common vision must be shared, and coordination encouraged among state, regional, county and local governments to communicate a statewide agenda.