

Planning and Community Development Newsletter



CORRIDOR N BUSINESS SURVEY

SAP&DC and its consultant, Metro Analytics, are working with partners throughout the region as well Maryland and West Virginia to study the economic impact of a completed ADHS Corridor N (U.S. 219.) The PA Corridor N - US 219 Business Survey Website is now live and ready for your participation. The survey is geared toward businesses and is designed to allow a wide range of input from the survey taker. We are searching for qualitative information that allows participants to tell how the completion of the Corridor N project will impact their business, both operationally and economically.



You can access the survey here: https://publicinput.com/US219

SAP&DC and the Metro Analytics team are strongly encouraging you to reach out to business owners and management and invite them to take the survey and provide their input. We are hoping you can help us cast the net wider with your network of contacts. For more information about the survey or the study, please contact Brandon Peters at (814) 949-6543 or bpeters@sapdc.org.

AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT (ARLE) PROGRAM



Pennsylvania Department of Transportation The Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program application period opened on June

1st. The ARLE Funding Program is 100% state funded using additional revenue in a restricted motor license account that has been generated from Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems. The purpose of this program is to provide opportunities for ARLE transportation enhancement grants through revenues generated by the Automated Red Light Enforcement program to improve safety and reduce congestion.

The total amount of grant funding available in FY 2020-2021 is anticipated to be approximately \$8 million. Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020.

For more information and the application, please follow this link.

LTAP DROP-IN COURSES



Public Works Operations during COVID19, <u>Tuesday, June 9th, from Noon to 1 p.m.</u>

To participate please **REGISTER HERE**.

During this session, we will discuss the impacts that the COVID19 pandemic has had on our communities, specifically Public Works operations. We will dissect the Center for Disease Control guidance and apply it to some everyday activities we perform. Topics will include managing personnel safety, vehicle and equipment sanitizing, housekeeping practices and parks maintenance. This discussion will be designed to help point participants to resources which they can then put their own plans together for their operations.

Hot Pour Mastics (HPM), *Tuesday, June 16th, from Noon to 1 p.m.*

To participate please **<u>REGISTER HERE</u>**

This session is being provided to introduce you to a new "tool" to assist you in maintaining your streets and roadways. The use of Hot Pour Mastics (HPM), similar to crack sealing, can extend the useful life of your pavements. This session will explain the when, where, and how this material can be used. PennDOT and industry panelists will be on hand to answer your questions and provide examples of how this material has been used to repair various pavement distress.

Traffic Pole Inventory and Inspection to Reduce the Risk of Failure, <u>Tuesday, June 23rd, from Noon to 1 p.m.</u>

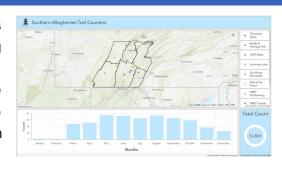
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During this session, local owners will have the opportunity to learn about inventory and inspection of traffic poles. Participants will hear about collecting and storing inventory data with PennDOT's Traffic Asset Management System. Participants will also be presented with what to look for during an inspection, and what inspection findings must be addressed immediately and what should be programmed. You willhave an opportunitytoshareyour ideas,thoughts, and experiencesin real timewith the groupabouttraffic poles in a cost-effective way.

Any questions regarding LTAP courses, please contact Matthew Bjorkman at (814) 949-

SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES REGION WALKING TRAILS DATA

The Southern Alleghenies Region contains hundreds of miles of walking, hiking, and biking trails within its six-county footprint. SAP&DC placed infrared counters on seven trails in the region to quantify how many people were utilizing the natural recreational opportunities in the region. Counters were placed on the following trails:



- The Shuster Way Heritage Trail
- H&BT Trail (Three Trailheads)
- James Mayer Riverwalk Trail
- Path of the Flood
- The Old Pennsylvania Pike Trail (TOPP)
- Somerset Lake
- Thousand Steps

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the trails in the Southern Alleghenies have seen increased usage as residents have sought recreational opportunities. An ArcGIS Dashboard recording the usage of trails through the region is available for viewing at here.

You can also visit here to view the SAP&DC 2019 Trail Usage Report.

SAP&DC has the capacity to place additional counters on trails throughout the region. If you would like to request a counter installation on a trail, please contact Matthew Bjorkman at (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org.

SAP&DC OPERATIONS UPDATE

In compliance with Governor Wolf's statewide shutdown, SAP&DC's office is closed until further notice. Staff are currently working from home and are available via phone and email.

Please know that we are continuing to advance projects and initiatives that are important to the region. Grant programs will continue to be administered, and committee meetings will be held as scheduled, albeit virtually. SAP&DC is maximizing the use of virtual meetings and will continue to do so as long as necessary.

Please stay safe and healthy during the coming weeks!

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