



PennDOT MTF Application Period Still Open!

The Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization (RPO) is announcing that applications will be accepted now through **November 5, 2021**, to fund new transportation improvement projects under the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF).

In short, municipalities, school districts, councils of government, businesses/non-profits, economic development organizations, public transit agencies, and rail/freight ports are eligible as project sponsors. PennDOT is requesting applications for quality projects of significant value. Awarded projects typically range between \$100,000 and \$3,000,000. Awards require a 30% local match.

Some examples of eligible project categories are bicycle and pedestrian, transit oriented, streetscape, rail sidings, greenways, signage, and any project that seeks to coordinate local land use with transportation assets.

Application guidelines, MTF FAQ's, and other details can be found at the link below:

[Click Here](#)

For more information or any questions regarding the program, please contact Brandon Peters, Transportation Program Manager, at (814) 949-6543 or bpeters@sapdc.org.



2021 PennDOT TA Set-Aside Candidate Projects

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program funds projects and activities defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community

Turnpike Trail Resurfacing, Bedford Joint Municipal Authority (Bedford County)

Bricktown Trail Improvements-Stormwater, Mount Union Borough (Huntingdon County)

Mountain Bike for Life, Huntingdon

improvement activities, and environmental mitigation, trails that serve a transportation purpose, and safe routes to schools projects. Projects may be funded at 100% of the construction cost and awards will be between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. For more details on the program, please use the link below:

[Click Here](#)

Pre-applications for the 2021 TA Set-Aside Program were due on August 16, 2021, and full project applications were due on October 15, 2021. The candidate projects for the Southern Alleghenies RPO are as follows:

Borough (Huntingdon County)

Rockwood Streetscape Improvement,
Somerset Redevelopment Authority
(Somerset County)

Garrett Borough Streetscape Project,
Somerset Redevelopment Authority
(Somerset County)

2021 Main Street School Safe Route,
Berlin Borough (Somerset County)

For questions regarding the candidate projects or the TA Set-Aside Program, please reach out to Brandon Peters, Transportation Program Manager, at (814) 949-6543 or bpeters@sapdc.org.

Broadband Efforts in the Southern Alleghenies Region



Bedford gets broadband funds

Originally published in the Altoona Mirror, September 18th, 2021] BEDFORD - Bedford County was awarded \$745,588 by the Appalachian Regional Commission to expand and improve broadband infrastructure in unserved areas. The money is part of a nearly ...

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Assistance Program (LTAP)

The Southern Alleghenies RPO, in partnership with the planning offices of Blair and Cambria Counties, is offering in-person LTAP courses this fall 2021.



Upcoming Training Sessions:

Active Transportation - October 20, 2021, 8 AM - 12 PM, Huntingdon Borough Building, Huntingdon, PA.

Winter Maintenance 101 - October 21, 2021, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SAP&DC Office, Altoona, PA.

Project Oversight - October 22, 2021, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Penn Highlands Community College, Ebensburg, PA.

Stop Signs & Intersection Traffic Control - November 4, 2021, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Logan Township Municipal Building, Altoona, PA.

Asphalt Roads Common Maintenance Problems - November 10, 2021, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Logan Township Municipal Building, Altoona, PA

Drainage: The Key to Roads That Last - November 30, 2021, 8 AM - 3 PM, Berlin Borough Building, Berlin, PA.

Register for In-Person Trainings on the LTAP website using the link below:

Technical Assistance:

In the past year, LTAP experts have spent 125 hours conducting 30 tech assists with municipalities in our region! LTAP provides free technical assistance to municipalities to troubleshoot specific roadway issues. PennDOT LTAP technical experts are available by phone, e-mail, and in-person to help you troubleshoot your specific maintenance and safety problems. Technical assistance topics can include (but are not limited to):

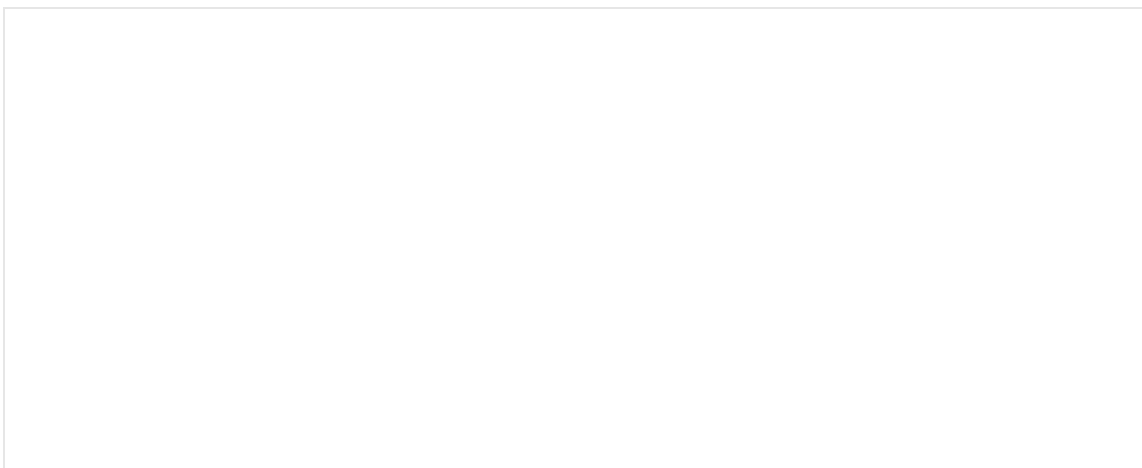
- Guiderails/Roadside Safety
- Speed/Traffic Calming
- Traffic Studies
- Pavement Management
- Winter Management (including snowplow driver training)
- Posting and Bonding
- Bridge and Culvert Management

If you have a specific problem or issue that you would like help with, log-on to the LTAP website and request a technical assistance under the “My Tools” drop down.

[Click Here](#)

If you need assistance with registration, please contact LTAP at LTAP@state.pa.us or call 1-800-FOR-LTAP or 717-787-5243. You may also contact Matthew Bjorkman of SAP&DC at (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org for registration or technical assistance.

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