



Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy

Purpose

This study was commissioned by the Transportation Advisory Committee to recommend a strengthened PennDOT policy for bicycles and pedestrians and new methods for policy implementation and follow-through.

Core Policy Statement

PennDOT shall make accommodations for bicycling and walking a routine and integral element of planning, project development, design, construction, operations, and maintenance.

Major Policy Provisions

Phased Implementation - Pilot projects (Phase 1) build momentum and provide the time to develop a resource strategy for full implementation (Phase 2).

Performance Measures and Targets - Management controls, targets, and metrics are used to drive implementation of the policy.

Training and Technical Assistance - Training on bicycle and pedestrian issues and project design is offered to PennDOT staff, consultants, MPOs/RPOs, and local communities.

Publication Updates - The Design Manuals and other publications are updated to reflect the new policy.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans - MPOs/RPOs create Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans to identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects and corridors.

Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - A statewide plan establishes and updates goals, objectives, and performance measures for bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Checklist - An updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Checklist includes objective criteria for when to include facilities, requires input from the MPO/RPO, and is reviewed by a qualified individual other than the person who completed it.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Design Guidance - The Design Manuals reference state-of-the-practice bicycle and pedestrian design guidance from outside sources.

Maintenance/Permits - PennDOT maintenance program and permit approvals are considered for the possible inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Policy Roles and Responsibilities

PennDOT

- Implement, enforce, and evaluate policy.
- Provide planning guidance to MPOs and RPOs.
- Use regional plan to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities into highway, bridge, maintenance, and permit projects.
- Provide statewide coordination and oversight.

MPO/RPO/Local Government

- Develop Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans
- Provide input on bicycle and pedestrian needs associated with highway and bridge projects
- Evaluate policy performance on a regional level