



BIKE-FRIENDLY RESURFACING PROGRAM: MUNICIPAL FAQs

What is the Bike Friendly Resurfacing Program?

The Bike Friendly Resurfacing Program is a new effort to identify **roads for potential investment in bike friendly improvements as part of regularly scheduled PennDOT resurfacing projects.**

This effort is being coordinated between the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), PennDOT District 6, the four suburban counties in the Philadelphia region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties), and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia **with the goal of identifying roads that are good candidates for bicycle facilities.**

Where can I learn more about bicycle facilities?

More information can be found at www.pedbikeinfo.org



How was my road identified?

Roads listed in PennDOT District 6's 5-year Resurfacing plan are screened as follows:

- If a municipality is aware of an upcoming resurfacing project and is interested in new bicycle facilities, they can reach out to county planning or DVRPC staff at any time.
- County planning staff identify opportunities in **local and county bicycle plans;**
- DVRPC evaluates **local and regional connectivity opportunities** identified in the regional Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) and Connectivity analysis;
 - ◆ For more on Bicycle LTS, see: www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/bikestress
- The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia provides **input from members of the public** regarding specific locations for improvement;
- PennDOT and DVRPC collaborate to **evaluate which opportunities would be feasible** to implement in the context of a resurfacing project;
- DVRPC and County staff reach out to municipalities with feasible opportunities to discuss implementation.

What is the municipality's responsibility?

- If the municipality is interested in bicycle facility improvements, they must agree to maintain any bicycle pavement markings between resurfacings (if such maintenance proves to be necessary). The municipality must also agree to maintain any bicycle-related signing, installed by PennDOT, associated with the improvements.
- **The region has set aside funding to design these improvements, so the new roadway design will not cost the municipality anything.**
- PennDOT will cover installation of these facilities when the street is resurfaced as part of its maintenance project.
- PennDOT will remove snow from in-street bike lanes and/or shared roadways (unless the municipality enters into a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT), and perform other routine roadway maintenance such as vegetation trimming, in accordance with normal maintenance operations.
- Once installed, the municipality is responsible for the removal of litter and debris from the bike lane or shared roadway.

How much will it cost to maintain bicycle pavement markings?

Maintenance costs depend on a variety of factors, such as the bicycle facility type, its length, spacing between bicycle pavement markings (typically 250-500 feet),



pavement type, traffic volumes, weather, and the materials used for the bicycle pavement markings.

PennDOT uses thermoplastic for the initial bicycle markings. Waterborne paint markings cost less than thermoplastic, but tend to show wear more easily and will typically require more frequent maintenance. The cost of re-applying a bike symbol is dependent on the material used and availability of equipment and staff. A single pavement marking typically ranges between \$250 and \$500.

What do I need to do next?

If the municipality is interested in the proposed improvements, and agrees to any associated maintenance, PennDOT requires that you submit a formal bicycle facility request letter. **This letter can be obtained from the County planning department or by emailing the DVRPC contacts listed at the bottom of this sheet.** The signee is at your discretion. Repaving projects move quickly, so please contact DVRPC for more information. If the municipality has developed local bicycle plans, it is also recommended to share those with County planning staff and DVRPC to help inform future opportunities.

What is PennDOT Connects?

PennDOT Connects is a **new approach to project planning and development** focused on engaging with local partners earlier in the process.

PennDOT Connects aims to transform capital and maintenance project development by **ensuring that community collaboration happens early, and that each project is considered in a holistic way for opportunities to improve safety, mobility, access, and environmental outcomes for all modes and local contexts.** Earlier collaboration will ensure that projects meet current and projected needs as much as possible, and can reduce costly changes further in the project development process.

Learn More:

www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PennDOT-Connects.aspx

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