



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

October 14, 2008

Dear Planning Partners and District Executives:

Smart Transportation is about building partnerships and coordinating land use and transportation decisions. To advance the practice of using Smart Transportation principles in planning and developing projects, PennDOT offers the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI).

To support PCTI, the Department carved out \$60 million over the first two-year period of the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program. Since this program utilizes federal and state transportation funds, all projects must meet the applicable state and federal guidelines, eligibility, and regulations. Project sponsors should note that this is not a grant program.

The Department is now reaching out to you to help solicit and develop applications for projects. Each eligible project may receive up to \$5 million for construction or \$300,000 for planning activities. Projects will be selected based on the degree to which the project supports Smart Transportation principles and the ability to implement local land use actions in support of the transportation investment.

As I discussed at the Planning Partners' meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, in Canonsburg, enclosed are an updated fact sheet and the Smart Transportation application.

Applicants will request funding via the enclosed application. The applicants should submit their completed applications to Mr. Nolan Ritchie via email at nritch@state.pa.us in the Center for Program Development and Management, PennDOT. I ask that each Planning Partner and District provide a point-of-contact for their organization to Mr. Ritchie by COB Friday, October 17, 2008. Mr. Ritchie will forward all relevant applications that are received from the sponsors to the designated point-of-contact. If you or the applicants have any questions, please contact Mr. Ritchie via email or by phone at (717) 787-2913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Ritzman".

James D. Ritzman, P.E.
Deputy Secretary for Planning

Enclosures