

# Road and Bridge Safety Improvement

# AWARDS 2026

## 2026 Judging Criteria

### Safety (20 points)

Demonstrate how the completed project improved public safety with data and/or narrative. How have the project improvements made the road or bridge safer for motorists, pedestrians, and/or other roadway users?

### Resource Innovation (10 points)

Indicate how the funding package was put together to bring the project to fruition. Also show how available dollars were used and allocated for the project. Did the project incorporate any unique or alternative financing mechanisms? How were the funds generated?

### Benefits of Improvements (10 points)

Document how the project benefited the community. How did the changes improve the local economy? How did the project transform or alter the community for the better?

### Cooperation (10 points)

Demonstrate how the project was part of your comprehensive planning process. How did the municipality work with other governments, organizations, businesses, etc. in accomplishing the project? How was the project selected for completion? Was the project part of a larger plan or completed in conjunction with other phases/stages?

*\*Awards will be presented during County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania's Annual Conference on August 5 at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center.*

For more information about the Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Awards, visit the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association online at [www.pahighwayinfo.org](http://www.pahighwayinfo.org) or contact:

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Entry Deadline  
July 1, 2026

Each year, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association (PHIA), and the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) work together to recognize the best road and bridge safety improvement projects undertaken by local governments across the commonwealth.

The award program has been enhanced to increase participation and ensure that the very best transportation improvement projects are being considered. The judging criteria will help applicants focus their submissions and a streamlined submission process will make it easier to participate. Please note that projects of all sizes, scope, and dollar value are eligible to be considered. Awards are NOT given to only high-dollar-value projects and the overall cost of the project is not a factor in determining the winning projects.

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### Requirements

Each application must include the following to be considered:

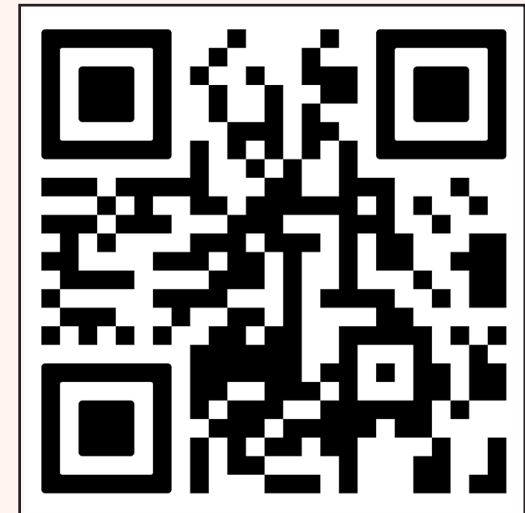
1. Only projects completed in 2025 are eligible.
2. A brief introduction, overview, or summary of the project. Be succinct and brief but provide the basic information of the municipality involved, location, when completed, etc.
3. Photos of the completed project. ("Before" pictures are helpful but not necessary.)
4. Contact information for the person who can answer any follow-up questions and receive award notifications.
5. Completed online application form.
6. Please limit total submission to a maximum of five (5) pages. Photos, contact information, and application form do NOT count in the five-page limit.

PLEASE NOTE: Projects must comply with PennDOT's Publication 408 or 447 standards.

Applications must be submitted online by **July 1, 2026**.

The online submission form can be accessed by scanning the QR to the left or visit [www.pahighwayinfo.org](http://www.pahighwayinfo.org).

**SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION**



Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit supporting documents by uploading them using the online form. If you have additional documentation that is too large to upload with the form, contact **Jason Wagner** at [jwagner@pahighwayinfo.org](mailto:jwagner@pahighwayinfo.org).

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