











### **Tell Us What You Think**

PennDOT's Modernized Engagement Process May 7, 2015

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### **About the Commission**



- The State Transportation Commission (STC) is comprised of 15 members
- Serves as PennDOT's Board of Directors
- Established by PA Act 120 of 1970
- Conducted biennial Public Hearings across the state to collect feedback for Statewide Twelve Year Program (TYP)

# Transportation Planning In PA



### What is the Twelve Year Program?

The TYP is a multimodal, fiscally constrained program of transportation improvements spanning a 12-year period. Multimodal means that the TYP includes all travel modes, including highways, bridges, public transit, aviation, rail, freight, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.















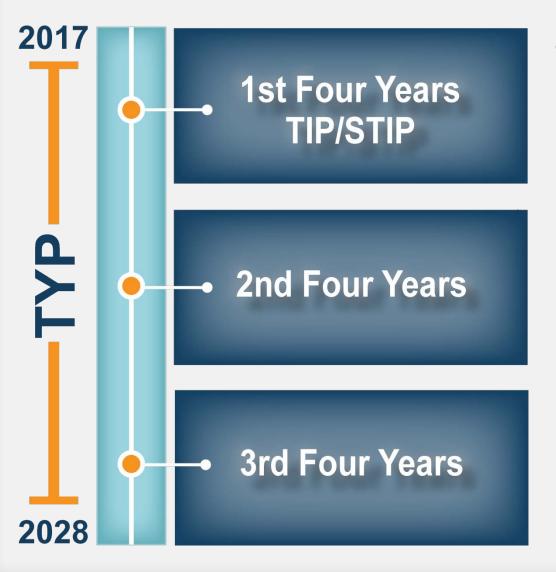
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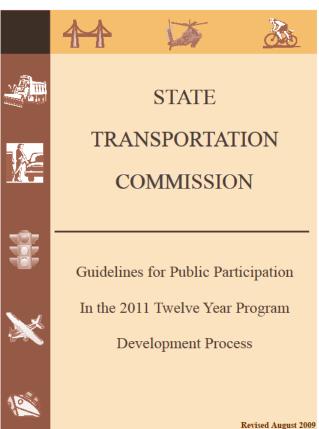
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**Traditional STC Hearings** 



### 2013 Public Outreach Pilot



### **Goals:**

- Extend the range of public involvement techniques to increase input
- Use modernized tools and techniques
- Educate customers and increase awareness
- Reduce overlapping public meetings/hearings between the STC and regional Planning
   Partners



# Modernizing Our Process – 2013





Launched New Website



Offered Online Survey 24/7



Hosted Statewide Webcast Public Meeting



**Collaborated** with Planning Partners

### 2013 Promotions

# www.talkPAtransportation.com



**State Transportation Commission** 





### Welcome to the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission...

The Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission (STC) is a 15-member body, chaired by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Mr. Barry J. Schoch, P.E. The STC serves as the Board of Directors to PennDOT. The STC is charged with the high-level evaluation of Pennsylvania's transportation system and provides policy driven direction with respect to the development of the Twelve Year Transportation Program.

The public comment period is currently open through Oct. 7, 2013. Now is your chance to help shape Pennsylvania's transportation priorities for the future.

# 2013 Promotion Campaign



- Press Release to all Media Outlets
- Stakeholder Email Blast Network:
  - Planning Regions (MPO/RPOs)
  - Chambers/EDAs
  - Stakeholder networks
  - Legislators/Elected Officials
- Website Widgets and Links
- Social Media Posts and Sharing
- QR Codes on all Promotional Materials





### **Promotion Campaign**







Click here to **REGISTER NOW**  TIME: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Visit the website for more details at www.talkPAtransportation.com

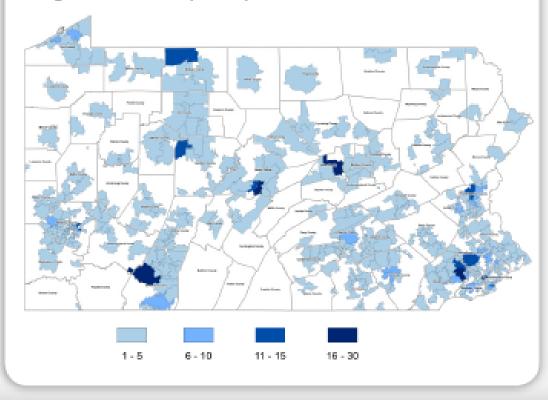


# **Connecting With Customers**



#### Participation Across Pennsylvania

The public survey was completed by customers across the state. The map depicts the level of participation with the darker colors representing the highest levels of participation.

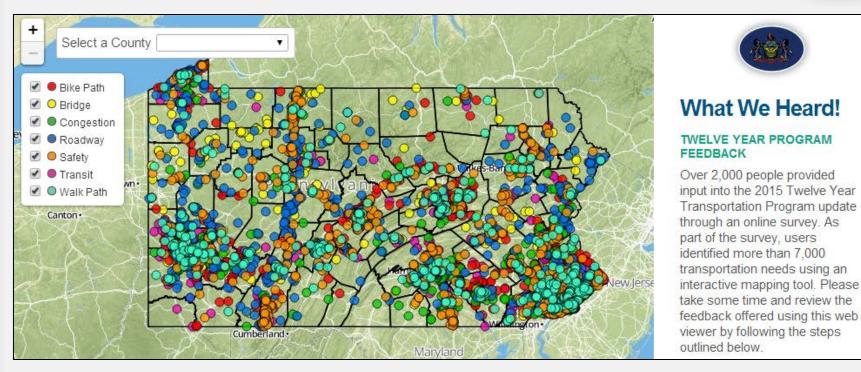


- ✓ 2,238 people completed surveys
- √ 100 people attended webcast public meeting
- √ 48 people submitted project forms



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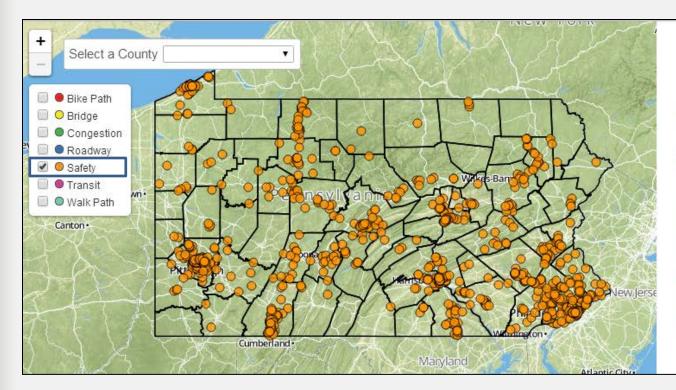
7,000 transportation needs were identified Statewide.

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### **Sharing Information**







#### What We Heard!

#### TWELVE YEAR PROGRAM FEEDBACK

Over 2,000 people provided input into the 2015 Twelve Year Transportation Program update through an online survey. As part of the survey, users identified more than 7,000 transportation needs using an interactive mapping tool. Please take some time and review the feedback offered using this web viewer by following the steps outlined below.

1,130 Safety concerns and issues were identified.

### Easy Access to Data



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#### Regional Survey Results

The State Transportation Commission (STC) asked for input from the public as the Twelve Year Transportation Program is updated for 2015. The comment period was open from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7, 2013. Users were asked to identify their priorities related to safety, mobility, and preservation and renewal and to use an interactive map to pinpoint any transportation needs that concerned them. You can view <u>survey results on overall transportation priorities</u> across the state.

Listed below are the survey results for each individual MPO and RPO. There are two files per planning organization: a PDF of responses to the survey questions and an Excel file detailing the map points that were selected by users. The Excel file includes information on transportation concerns, and issues shared during the public outreach process. The map points can be integrated into a GIS application for further analysis. You can also view the map points through our <u>interactive web viewer</u>.

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)

Regional Survey Responses (PDF)
Map Point Data (Excel)

Altoona Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Regional Survey Responses (PDF)
Map Point Data (Excel)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA)

Regional Survey Responses (PDF)
Map Point Data (Excel)

Northern Tier RPO

Regional Survey Responses (PDF)
Map Point Data (Excel)



### 2013 Pilot Positive Outcomes



- Increased accessibility and participation
  - 2,000 participated in MetroQuest survey
  - 100+ participated in webcast public meeting
- Increased awareness
  - 10,000 website visitors a year and 65% are new
- Connected STC Members with Planning Region outreach efforts
  - Data shared between STC and Planning Regions with feedback considered in TYP Update



### 2015 Comment Period in Progress



# **Public Input Timeline**

Invite Input Share Feedback Prioritize Projects



2015

**+⊢2016**⊣



### Six Week Comment Period:

- Launch April 16, 2015
- Close May 29, 2015









# Public Survey – Six Weeks



### **Options** for Our Customers:



**Online MetroQuest Survey** 



In Writing

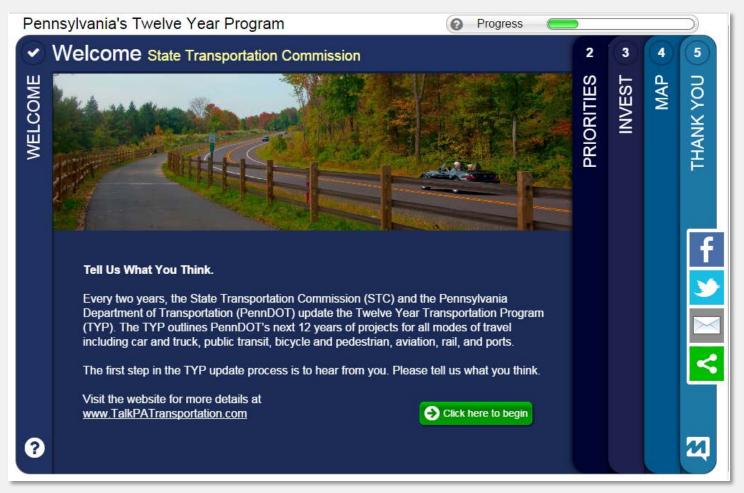


**By Phone** 



### MetroQuest Online Survey



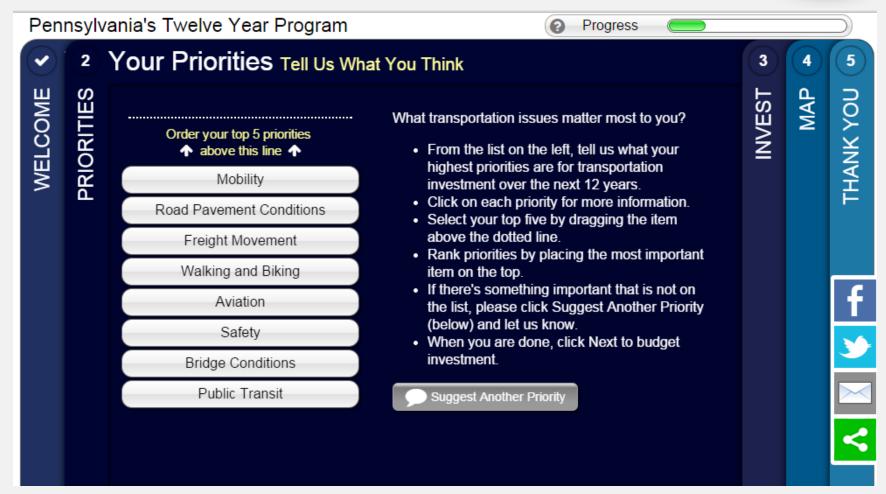


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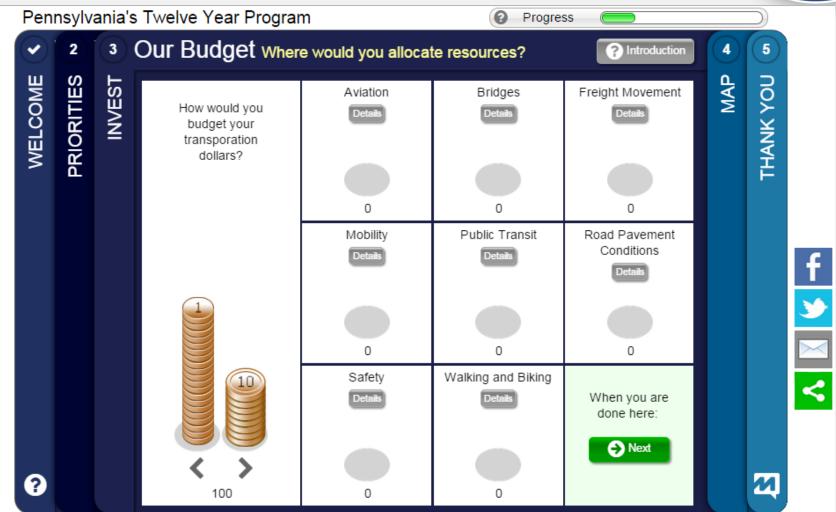
### Rank Priorities





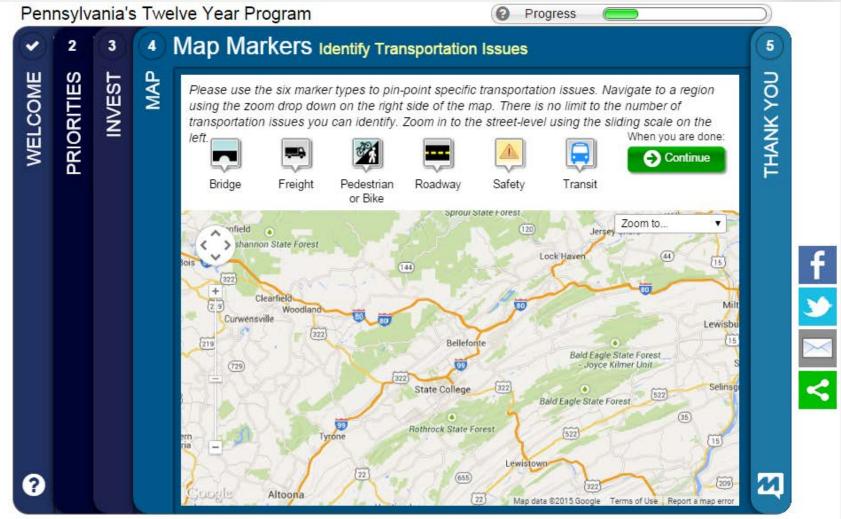
# **Budget Priorities**





# **Identify Projects**





# Online Survey Lessons Learned



- Allot time in your budget to analyze and visualize data
- GIS, Excel and Database relationship experience is essential
- Graphic design support is important
- Include instruction tabs for more traditional users
- Ask demographic questions
- Limit free-form questions with verbatim answers
- Asking the right questions is the key to quality data

### Questions



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