RESOURCES TO USE WHEN ADVOCATING FOR SAFER BICYCLING
Advocates Must be Knowledgeable
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Penn DOT Active Transportation Plan 2019
https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/RideABike/Pages/Master-Plan.aspx

“The document identifies and prioritizes strategies that will promote more bicyclists and pedestrians, while supporting safety and multimodal connectivity. It will simultaneously serve as a resource for metropolitan and rural planning organizations, as well as statewide municipalities throughout the Commonwealth as they develop and implement regional and local active transportation plans.”

“The Pennsylvania Active Transportation Plan was developed during 2018 and completed in late 2019. The public was engaged during the PennDOT Active Transportation Plan project through an online project survey and interactive webinars.

The Pennsylvania Active Transportation Plan and companion documents serve as a resource for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs), and Municipalities throughout Pennsylvania providing guidance to local governments as they develop and implement regional and local bicycle and pedestrian plans.”

Federal Highway Administration

The following resources are recommended by the Planning Program Manager at the FHWA Harrisburg office for Pennsylvania.

- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Program of the Federal Highway Administration’s Office of Planning: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/pedestrian_bicycle/

- Metropolitan Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Handbook: The purpose of the Metropolitan Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Handbook is to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with practical information and examples, as they consider pedestrian and bicycle transportation in their regional planning activities. Based on research including interviews with seven MPOs and critical evaluations of plans and associated documents from 11 other MPOs, this handbook covers integration of pedestrian and bicycle information into the metropolitan transportation planning process.

  Please see section: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/pedestrian_bicycle/publications/mpo_handbook/page07.cfm#toc476552133
FHWA Bike and Pedestrian Planning Resources:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Links: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/
- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) – Resources: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/step/resources/

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center

A resource that is frequently updated and offers information on many topics is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation FHWA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is maintained by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center within the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center.

www.pedbikeinfo.org

AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2020


“The AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities is the authoritative national design standard for bikeway design. Toole Design staff have a history of involvement in preparing this Guide, dating back to the 1990s. In the proposed 2020 draft of the updated edition, Toole Design has undertaken a comprehensive update to the Guide to reflect widespread acceptance of new bikeway designs for people of all ages and abilities, with funding and direction from the National Highway Cooperative Research Program (Project 15-60, “Proposed Update of the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities.”)

As more communities demand street designs that accommodate all modes, an updated AASHTO Bike Guide will be essential for establishing national guidance that delivers safe, comfortable travel facilities for people who choose to bike.”
The purpose of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide (part of the Cities for Cycling initiative) is to provide cities with state-of-the-practice solutions that can help create complete streets that are safe and enjoyable for bicyclists. The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is based on the experience of the best cycling cities in the world. The designs in this document were developed by cities for cities, since unique urban streets require innovative solutions.

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The Federal Highway Administration has posted information regarding MUTCD approval status of all of the bicycle related treatments in this guide and in August 2013 issued a memorandum officially supporting use of the document.

League of American Bicyclists & Adventure Cycling Association

The League and Adventure Cycling often can provide information to assist when in need of knowledge about a particular bicycle facility or issue. Use their websites and/or contact staff.

www.bikeleague.org

https://www.adventurecycling.org/