Regional Greenways Mini-Grants: Round 4

SAP&DC has launched the 4th round of Greenways Mini-Grants! This round, there will be three workshops throughout the region. These workshops will cover what is new and what is expected. See you there!

No registration is required to attend.

Tuesday, April 24th from 9:00-10:30:
Cambria County Building
499 Manor Drive, Ebensburg
Training Room, 1st Floor

Tuesday, April 24th from 1:00-2:30:
Somerset County Planning Office
300 North Center Avenue, Somerset
2nd Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, April 25th from 9:00-10:30:
Bedford County Office Building
200 South Juliana Street, Bedford
1st Floor Room 101
Southern Alleghenies RPO Hosting Regional Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting

The Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization (RPO), in coordination with the Altoona Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Johnstown MPO, and PennDOT, is holding a Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan stakeholder meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2017. It will be at the SAP&DC office at 3 Sheraton Drive, Altoona. This plan is an update from the 2007 version. It will establish and update goals, objectives, and performance measures; provide guidance on how to develop regional and local bicycle/pedestrian plans; make additional program and policy recommendations; and provide guidance on ways to remove barriers to effective pedestrian and bicycle planning and design. Once completed, the Master Plan will be a resource for MPOs, RPOs, and Municipalities throughout Pennsylvania, providing guidance to local governments as they develop and implement regional and local bicycle and pedestrian plans. More information on the plan is available on the project website [HERE](#). There is also a link on the website to the [PROJECT SURVEY](#). Please feel free to spread the word about the upcoming stakeholder meeting. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions or are interested in attending, please contact Brandon Peters at (814) 949-6543 or via email at bpeters@sapdc.org.

The Department of Community and Economic Development is Accepting Applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) began accepting applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) on March 1, 2018. The application period is open until July 31, 2018. In short, municipalities, councils of government, businesses/non-profits, economic development organizations, transit agencies, and rail/freight ports are eligible as sponsors. DCED is looking for quality projects of a significant value that range
between $100,000 and $3,000,000. Examples of eligible project categories include but are not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian, transit oriented, streetscape, rail sidings, greenways, signage, and any project that seeks to coordinate local land use with transportation assets. Please see the DCED MTF website for a more complete list of project eligibility, other guidelines, and to apply.

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**Upcoming Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Class Schedule:**

- **Work Zone Traffic Control (& Flagger Certification Course** April 17th 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Principles of Paving** May 10th 8:00AM - 3:00PM
- **Stormwater Water Facility Operation & Maintenance** May 22nd 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Bridge Maintenance & Inspection** June 12th 8:00AM - 3:00PM
- **Posting & Bonding of Local Roads** June 21st 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Risk Management Strategies** August 21st 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Curves on Local Roads: Issues & Safety Tools** September 13th 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Speed Limits & Speed Management** October 23rd 8:00AM - 12:00PM
- **Salt & Snow Management** October 23rd 8:00AM - 3:00PM
- **Project Overview - Monitoring Quality by Asking the Right Questions** November 9th 8:00AM - 12:00PM

For more information or to register visit the LTAP Website or contact Janice Streightiff at 814-949-6523 or streightiff@sapdc.org

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**Regional Flood Program**

**Upcoming Flood Program Workshops**

SAP&DC is currently developing a flood resiliency program designed to teach communities how to best prepare for flood insurance premium increases through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Workshops will be held regarding this topic.
Who Should Attend?

Any communities, homeowners/residents, or municipalities interesting in finding out more about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS). Some communities may be eligible for lower flood insurance rates through NFIP.

For more information or to register, contact Joeseph Saxfield at 814-949-6511 or jsaxfield@sapdc.org.

Follow Link to: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters

Several Trail counters have been installed along the Bedford Heritage and H&BT Trails by SAP&DC staff along with support from partners.

These counters will help gather data on trail users. Having data on trail bikers and hikers will help in understanding how different parts of the trail are being used and peak usage.

Bedford Heritage Trail

Through an off-road gravel trail and public streets and sidewalks, the trail connects the Omni Bedford Springs Resort to downtown Bedford and Fort Bedford Park.

Downtown Bedford is 1.75 miles from the Springs trailhead, but the total trail is 2.65 miles to its end in Fort Bedford Park.