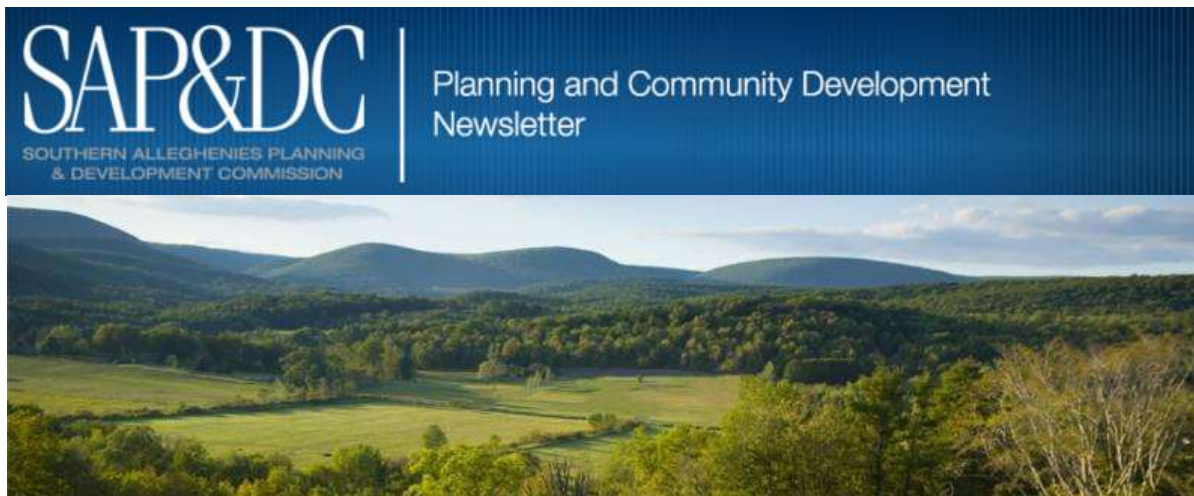


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DISASTER RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) has recently released an RFP for its Disaster Recovery and Resilience Plan. The Plan will investigate the social and economic impact of COVID-19 and will serve as a guide to SAP&DC's long-term efforts to promote resilience and durability in the region. SAP&DC is looking for an organization to partner with and complete this plan by the end of 2021. Additional information on the RFP can be found [here](#).



The submission deadline for RFP proposals is Friday, March 19, 2021. The successful firm will be announced after SAP&DC Board of Director approval on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please email Dustin Bishop at dbishop@sapdc.org.

BROADBAND PILOT SITE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



Alleghenies Broadband Inc. (ABI) has also released an RFP for its Broadband Pilot Site Project. ABI is looking for local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to partner with ABI to expand high-quality broadband to unserved and underserved rural areas. While ABI will be responsible for leasing costs and installation of the broadband equipment, the partnering organization will be responsible for customer service and maintenance. This project will serve as a foundation for ABI's future efforts to

expand rural broadband throughout the region. Additional information regarding the RFP can be found at [here](#).

Proposals must be submitted by Friday, April 2, 2021. The successful firm will be announced after ABI Board of Director approval on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please email Brandon Carson at bcarson@sapdc.org.

SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES REGIONAL GREENWAYS MINI-GRANT PROGRAM



The Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program will be accepting applications through March 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Grant awards for the program range from \$5,000 to \$30,000, and require a 50% match.

Detailed information about the grant program can be found on our website:

[Greenways Mini-Grant Program](#)

If you have more questions about the program, please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or slocastro@sapdc.org.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) WEBINAR SERIES



FHWA is hosting a series of Value Capture Strategies webinars beginning in March 2021. The webinar series will detail the Value Capture techniques

promoted in the Federal Highway Administration's Every Day Counts (EDC-5) initiative. This year's series focuses on the intersection of Innovative Finance and Innovative Project Delivery Tools. These webinars will detail more Value Capture best practices collected from throughout the nation. They will also highlight FHWA's recently completed Value Capture Primer series of technical documents.

Value Capture is a set of powerful techniques that recover a portion of land value created by public infrastructure investments, and can:

- address funding gaps,
- leverage and optimize Federal and State resources,
- accelerate project delivery,
- meet and improve system performance goals,
- maintain transportation infrastructure assets in good repair, and
- save time and money.

The program features subject matter experts and peers who successfully utilized Value Capture in tandem with innovative finance and project delivery techniques to advance new and modernized infrastructure projects. Registration is free but is limited. Certificates of Completion and Confirmation of Attendance are available.

This webinar series is intended for professionals from states, cities, counties, tribes, and metropolitan and rural transportation agencies looking for innovative funding and financial strategies to pay for transportation projects. This would include professionals involved with directing and managing aspects of highway-related programs and projects, such as planning, environment, project development, design, construction, operations, maintenance, and finance. You can go here for a list of upcoming webinars:

[Connect Event Catalog \(connectsolutions.com\)](https://connectsolutions.com)

For additional information, please contact Thay Bishop, FHWA Center Innovative Finance Support, (404) 562-3695 or thay.bishop@dot.gov or Stefan Natzke, FHWA National Systems and Economic Development at (202) 366-5010 or Stefan.Natzke@dot.gov.

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) DROP-IN COURSES AND VIRTUAL TRAININGS

In honor of the PennDOT Agility Program turning 25 years old, LTAP is offering FREE registration to a 1-hour Drop-in Session on March 22, 2021 to discuss the



program and its benefits for local governments and eligible partners. The webinar will provide participants with a basic understanding of the program, its requirements, potential exchange options, an overview of successful Agility Agreements and an opportunity to ask questions.

WHAT: The Agility Program enables PennDOT and its eligible partners to exchange services, equipment and staff without monetary payments. Agility helps PennDOT and its partners to make the most of the limited resources, while developing strong and rewarding relationships. By passing a resolution, executing an Agility Agreement, and negotiating an Agility Work Plan, an eligible partner can exchange services with PennDOT over a 5-year period.

WHEN: The webinar is on March 22, 2021 from 11AM to 12PM.

WHERE: You can register for the Virtual Drop-in Session by going to the LTAP website (<http://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/>) and clicking on the links under “**Bulletin Board**” section in the homepage. You can also click on the link [here](#).

WHO: The Agility Program is geared towards local and county governments, Metropolitan/Rural Planning Organizations, Volunteer Fire Companies, Charitable Hospitals, and other municipal authorities.

UPCOMING FREE VIRTUAL COURSES

- **Pavement Markings: Applications and Maintenance-** February 23, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide-** February 24, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Asset Management-** February 25, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **ADA Transition Plans and Self Evaluation -** February 26, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Seal Coat-** March 2, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Winter Maintenance-** March 3, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Roadside Safety Features-** March 4, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Principles of Paving-** March 8, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **FHWA Bikeway Selection-** March 10, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Local Road Safety Plans-** March 11, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Erosion and Sediment Control-** March 12, 2021 8am-12PM
- **Unpaved & Gravel Roads Common Maintenance Practices-** March 15, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Posting & Bonding of Local Roads-** March 16, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Project Oversight-** March 23, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Stormwater Facility Operation and Maintenance-** March 25, 2021 8AM-12PM
- **Pedestrian and Crosswalks-** March 26, 2021 8AM-12PM

If you have any questions, or are unsure how to register, please contact Matthew Bjorkman at (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org.

If you have any questions regarding the PennDOT Agility Program, please contact John Pecez at jpecez@pa.gov.

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