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DATE: February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Traffic Counting on Municipally Owned Roads

TO: Colleagues

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Starting March 2, 2026 through November 19, 2026 PennDOT will be contracting with National Data and Surveying Services, Inc., a vendor on the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Traffic Engineering Data Count Services Contract (RFP 3523R09), to collect traffic data on municipally owned roads within your county and municipality. This data collection program is being implemented to help improve PennDOT's traffic data inventory critical to safety management in coordination with FHWA's Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE). MIRE is a guideline to help state DOTs improve roadway and traffic data inventory which are used to make decisions on safety, design, and operation of roadways. Also, the local road traffic data will be reported to FHWA through the annual Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) submittal. The HPMS data are used for assessing highway system performance under the U.S. DOT and FHWA's strategic planning and performance reporting process and for apportioning Federal-aid highway funds.

Since it is fiscally impossible to collect traffic data on all public roads each year, the traffic counts were selected using a series of automated processes to determine the locations to be collected within each Engineering District. A total of 1,480 local road counts is scheduled to be collected for 2026 in PennDOT Engineering District 5.

The data will be available on our Traffic Information Repository (TIRe) website, <https://gis.penndot.gov/TIRe>, after the data has been collected and processed.

A list of the count locations to be collected in your municipality between March 2026 and November 2026 is enclosed. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the traffic data collection. My contact information can be found on the enclosed map.

Please provide this information to the proper officials and disseminate to everyone

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within your municipality.

Thank you.

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