

		PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION POLICY <i>This is a statement of official Pennsylvania Turnpike Policy</i>	NUMBER: 8.14 APPROVAL DATE: 08-16-2022 EFFECTIVE DATE: 08-31-2022 REVISED DATE: 05-23-2024
POLICY SUBJECT: Roadway Camera Video Sharing Policy	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Information Technology		

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to enable the sharing of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) roadway camera video feeds with traveler information partners (“Partners”), as determined by the PTC, for incident management and traveler information dissemination throughout the Commonwealth.

B. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all parties interested in using the PTC roadway camera video feeds for incident management and traveler information dissemination. Roadway cameras include cameras along the roadway, as well as mobile closed-circuit television (CCTV) and unmanned aerial systems (UAS) when used for traffic operations. Roadway traffic cameras do not include cameras used for tolling operations and security. Video from these non-roadway cameras will not be available through live video feeds. Requests for non-roadway cameras images and feeds must follow current PTC Right-to-Know Law (RTKL) procedures.

C. GENERAL POLICY:

As part of the PTC’s Traffic Operations Performance Program, CCTV provides functions critical to the efficient and safe operation of its roadway including:

- Verifying traffic incident location and severity;
- Monitoring traffic congestion;
- Monitoring the operation of other ITS devices; and
- Providing traveler information to television, radio, Internet and social media outlets, as well as other Partners.

In addition, distributing feeds from the CCTV system to various public agencies and other Partners may result in additional transportation efficiencies and safety benefits.

PTC desires to disseminate video feeds from its transportation management systems as widely as possible. The PTC understands that the widespread dissemination of traveler information benefits the public through reduced highway congestion and improved safety.

Roadway Camera Video Sharing Provisions

Failure to comply with any provision of this policy, as determined by the PTC, may result in termination of access to PTC video feeds.

Video Access & Availability

- The PTC reserves the right to change this policy at any time without prior notice. All registered Partners will be notified of any changes as soon as practicable.
- Applications for access to the PTC roadway camera video feeds, via the *PTC Data Feed and Digital Data Access Request Form*, shall be reviewed and approved or denied by the PTC Chief Technology Officer (CTO).
- Upon execution by the PTC, a copy of each approved Partner's signed *PTC Data Feed and Digital Data Access Request* shall be maintained by the PTC IT Department.
- Access to PTC roadway camera video feeds is free of charge for approved Partners; all costs to acquire the PTC video feed, such as Internet connections, hardware, etc., are the sole responsibility and expense of the Partner.
- The PTC roadway camera video feeds are shared as a service to its Partners to facilitate their incident management and traveler information dissemination functions.
- Control of all PTC cameras (on/off, pan, tilt, zoom) providing the PTC roadway camera video feeds will reside solely with the PTC. Feeds will be provided as-is with no guarantee of quality or uninterrupted feeds. The PTC will deny requests for roadway camera video feeds or specific camera angles that do not support these functions.
- The PTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to stop transmission of the PTC roadway camera video feeds at any time, for any reason.
- The PTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to distribute/market the PTC roadway camera video feeds as it deems appropriate.

Acceptable Use

- A Partner may rebroadcast the PTC roadway camera video feed only as prescribed below:
 - The rebroadcast of the PTC roadway camera video feed via any media, including, but not limited to, television, radio and Internet media, for purposes other than incident management and traveler information dissemination, as determined by the PTC, is prohibited without the prior written consent of the PTC legal department. Rebroadcasting and/or sharing of questionable/inappropriate video, as determined by the PTC, from the PTC roadway camera video feeds is prohibited.
 - Recording the PTC video feeds for any purpose other than incident management and/or the dissemination of traveler information is prohibited.
 - A Partner may not distribute the PTC roadway camera video feeds to a third-party.

- All video feeds shared by the PTC and rebroadcast by any organization must be clearly identified as originating from the PTC. PTC branding or correct logos embedded in the video feeds shall not be altered and must remain visible. Logos can be obtained at the PTC website.
- The PTC camera video feeds shall be identified with PTC-assigned names. At no time shall the PTC roadway camera video feeds be referred to by any other name (e.g., “Jam Cam”). This or any other nomenclature shall not be applied to the PTC video feeds shared with outside Partners.
- Organizations receiving a PTC roadway camera video feed are prohibited from commercializing the PTC video feeds in any way, including selling and/or bartering the PTC roadway camera video feeds to a third-party for payment, goods and/or services.
- Partners shall not generate revenue directly or indirectly from any PTC roadway camera video feeds.
- TV and/or radio stations that advertise traffic camera coverage generated by the PTC shall identify a partnership with the PTC in their broadcast ads and promotional spots.
- The PTC video feeds of people, places, and all other objects shall not be electronically or otherwise enhanced or modified in any way and the privacy of motorists or individuals shall not be violated in any manner. Any unauthorized use of the video feeds may violate copyright laws, trademark laws, the laws of privacy and publicity, and communications regulations and statutes.
- The PTC reserves the right to terminate access to the PTC roadway camera video feeds for violation of any section of this policy.

D. DEFINITIONS:

Partners – entities or individuals involved with roadway incident management and traveler information dissemination. These partners may include, but are not limited to, fire, rescue, emergency management services, law enforcement, authorized service providers, other transportation agencies, television, radio, and Internet media.

PTC Roadway Camera Video Feed – The real-time video created by PTC closed-circuit television cameras.

Closed-Circuit Television Cameras – Video camera systems or networks used to collect, transmit, and monitor data electronically via a data stream and to project such data onto a video monitor, television screen or other monitoring equipment. The system is a closed circuit because it has limited access and elements are connected and controlled by authorized system operators.

Incident – An activity that occurs on the highway, right-of-way or in proximity to it, including, but not limited to, a vehicular accident, flat tire, fire, or event that impacts highway safety, congestion or travel.

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) – ITS improves transportation safety and mobility and enhances productivity through the integration of advanced communications technologies into the transportation infrastructure and in vehicles. Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) encompass a broad range of wireless and wire line communications-based information and electronics technologies.

Traffic Operations Center (TOC) – The PTC section responsible for the mobility, accessibility and reliability for motorists traveling along the Turnpike. It oversees Traffic Incident Management and Emergency Management needs for the Turnpike as it relates to initiatives, training and projects.

Transportation Management Systems – Software applications that enable shared control of all Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices across the Pennsylvania Turnpike system, including traffic cameras.

E. PROCEDURES:

Requests for accessing the roadway camera video feeds are initiated by requesting a copy of the *PTC Data Feed and Digital Data Access Request Form* via DataSharing@paturndpike.com. An electronic form will be provided to the requester to be completed and submitted to PTC.

In applying for access, Partners are required to provide information that is true and correct in all aspects and agree to keep PTC updated if there are any material changes to the information provided. Partners must accept and abide by the terms and conditions attached to the *PTC Data Feed and Digital Data Access Request Form*.

F. EXCEPTIONS:

Any exception to this policy must be approved in writing in advance by the Assistant CTO – Security & Infrastructure.

This Policy Letter supersedes all previous Policy Letters on this subject.