

# I-79 Widening, Bridges and Bridgeville Interchange Reconfiguration

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## Average Daily Traffic

**87,000** vehicles per day

## Truck Traffic

**12%** of total vehicles

## Why do we need to fix these bridges?











# Why these bridges?

## Overview

The I-79 Widening, Bridge and Bridgeville Interchange Reconfiguration is a three-mile interstate widening and rehabilitation project from Alpine Road to just before the Collier interchange and Prestley Road.

In addition to replacing the dual I-79 bridges over SR-50, the W&LE Railroad and Chartiers Creek, the project will make improvements to the I-79/SR-50 interchange and bring the roadway up to date in order to improve safety along the corridor.

## Why

-  The corridor is a major connection in the interstate system through western PA that links travelers, deliveries and more to the Pittsburgh area.
-  Adding lanes in both directions will help manage traffic congestion in the corridor.
-  Replacing and rehabilitating the bridges will increase their longevity and reduces the cost and frequency of future repairs.
-  Improvements will improve safety in the corridor.

# How will this benefit your region?



-  Accommodate future growth in traffic volumes
-  Benefits to freight travel
-  Reliable transportation — less frequent repairs and maintenance

**Revenue generated from bridge toll goes back into this project.**

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$160 million – \$195 million

The I-79 Widening, Bridges and Bridgeville Interchange Reconfiguration is critical and needs to be completed. If the project is funded by bridge tolling, funds would be freed up to allow other critical projects to continue to move forward in the region.

**PennDOT’s Major Bridge P3 Initiative is anticipated to invest approximately \$2.5 billion in the replacement and rehabilitation of major bridges across the state. Funding these bridges with tolls could free up enough funds\* to either:**

-  Repave ~2,500 miles of highways
- or
-  Build ~960 miles of new highway lanes
- or
-  Replace ~8,600 miles of guiderail

\* Based on 2020 infrastructure costs