SR 0079-A65 I-79 AT ROUTE 910 WEXFORD INTERCHANGE

Public Meeting

FEBRUARY 7, 2023



AGENDA

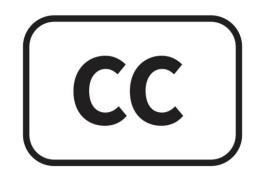
1. Introduction

- a. Microsoft Teams Live Navigation
- b. Project Team Introductions
- c. Project Location
- 2. Project Purpose and Need
- 3. Interchange Layout
 - a. Full Offset Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI)
 - b. Operations and Benefits
- 4. Anticipated Project Schedule
- 5. Q & A Chat Session



MICROSOFT TEAMS LIVE NAVIGATION







Q&A Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation. Closed Captions. This meeting is being recorded.



PROJECT TEAM

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PROJECT TEAM

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PROJECT LOCATION

- The project is located in the Borough of Franklin Park and Marshall Township, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- The I-79 at Route 910 Wexford Interchange is Exit 73, located two miles north of the I-79/I-279 split
- Route 910 (Wexford Bayne Road) travels east-west over I-79 and is a Minor Arterial



PURPOSE AND NEED

PROJECT PURPOSE

Improve the interchange **operations** to acceptably accommodate current and future **traffic demands**, as well as to reduce the potential for **crashes** at the interchange and along SR 910 within the project area.

PROJECT NEED – CONGESTION



Unacceptable levels of congestion, which impedes **mobility**. Specific impacts include **recurring** and **non-recurring** congestion, excessive intersection **delays**, ramp **queuing**, queue **spillback**, and **travel time/reliability** impacts.



PROJECT NEED – CRASHES

290 total crashes (2017-2019) with 85% **Rear-End**, **Hit-Fixed-Object**, and **Angle** crashes; **crash clusters** at key locations; and a majority of crashes likely being a **direct result of congestion**.



PURPOSE AND NEED

PROJECT NEEDS 2045 No-Build Conditions



Intersection Failures

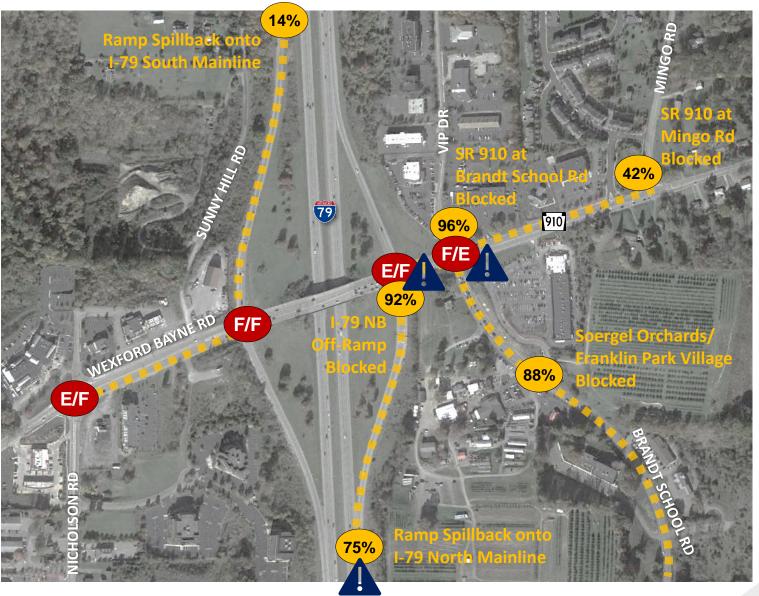
Overall Level-of-Service E or F

Significant Queuing

Queue Spillback

% of the AM/PM peak period that a location is "blocked" by queues

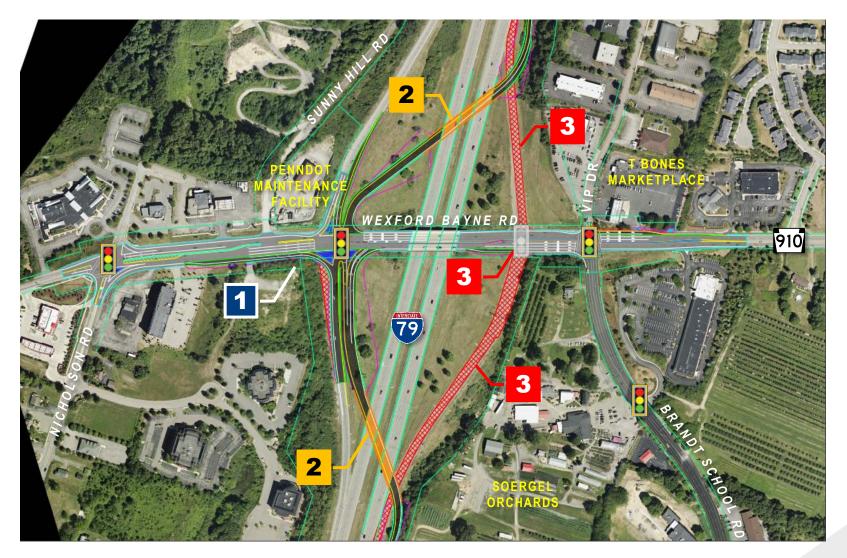






I-79 / Route 910 Wexford Interchange Reconfiguration

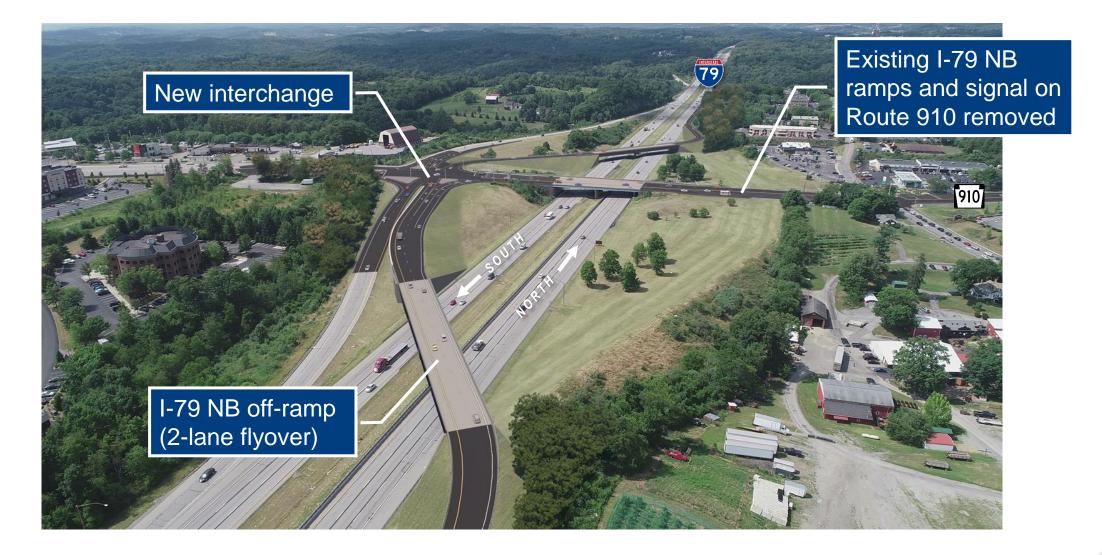
- 1 Reconfigure the west side of the interchange to create a full-offset Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) layout
- 2 Add new flyover ramps connecting from/to the I-79 NB off-ramp and NB on-ramp
- 3 Eliminate existing NB ramps and related signal on Route 910







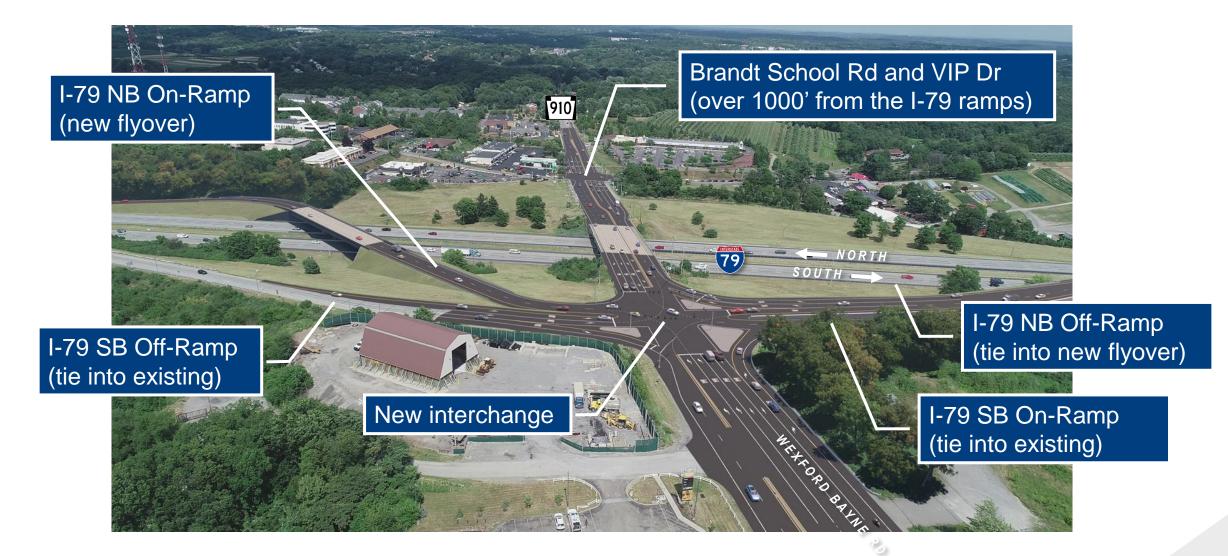














INTERCHANGE OPERATIONS





BENEFITS

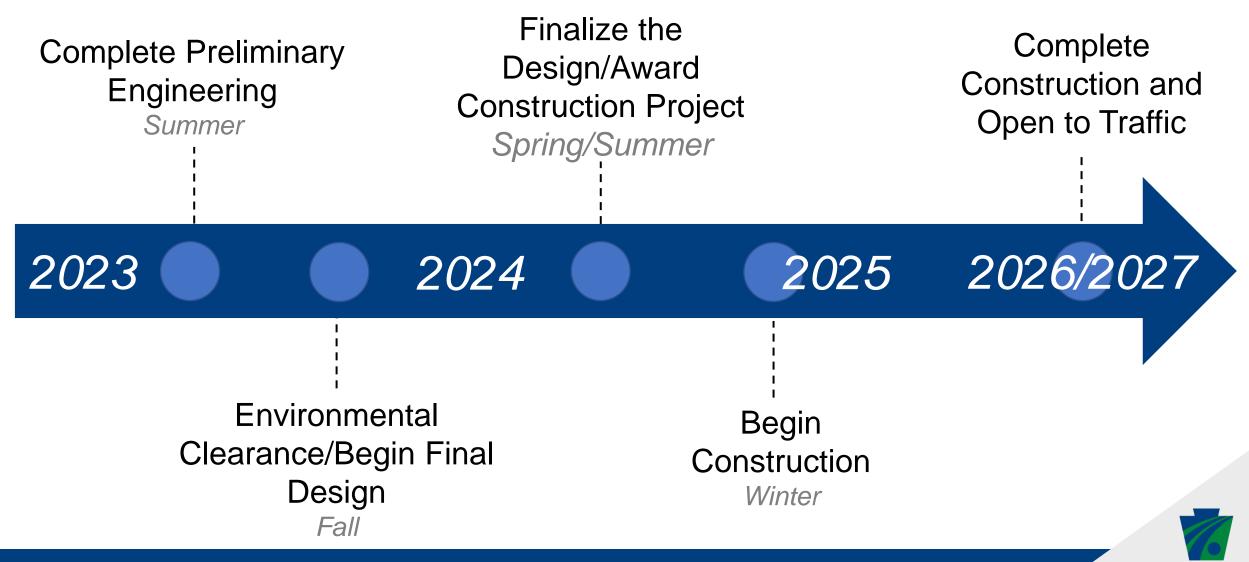
Criteria for comparing alternatives and benefits include:

	Category	Benefits for SPUI Interchange
	SAFETY	crash reduction queue spillback mitigation system/incident resilience
	OPERATIONS	delay reduction queue length reduction intersection operations
1	ENVIRONMENTAL	low environmental or permitting impact fuel and emissions reduction
	RIGHT-OF-WAY	preserves ROW (no permanent ROW needed, possible TCE required) preserves existing SR 910 structure
	UTILITIES	only moderate utility impact
•••	COST	> \$46.4M to \$48.3M construction cost > \$8M safety & delay benefit per year



SCHEDULE

Anticipated Project Milestones and Schedule



QUESTIONS



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THANK YOU!



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