In-Person and Virtual Public Meetings Underway, More Scheduled

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is hosting virtual online public meetings and in-person open houses for the candidate bridges in the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership Initiative (MBP3). The MBP3 initiative is part of PennDOT’s Pathways program to identify and evaluate alternative highway and bridge funding solutions for Pennsylvania’s transportation system. Each of the nine bridge projects will have its own meeting, where you can learn about the project’s design plans, environmental studies, tolling implementation and mitigation, and schedule. We encourage you to review the materials and share your input on the projects.

Current Virtual Public Meetings, Open Houses and Comment Periods

- I-78 Lemastersville Bridge Replacement Project
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Oct. 23 - Nov. 24
  - In-Person Open House: Occurred Nov. 1

- I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Nov. 1 - Dec. 1
  - In-Person Open House: Nov. 8, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Venue: Keystone Elementary School, 451 Huston Ave, Knoch, PA 16132

- I-83 South Bridge Project (Note there are two in-person public open houses scheduled)
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Oct. 25 - Nov. 24
  - In-Person Open House Meeting:
    - Nov. 9, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
    - Venue: Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton St, Harrisburg, PA 17111 First Floor across from Wells Fargo Bank
  - In-Person Open House Meeting Two:
    - Nov. 10, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
    - Venue: Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011 (Formerly the Radisson)

Upcoming Virtual Public Meetings, Open Houses and Comment Periods

- I-81 Susquehanna Project
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Nov. 8 - Dec. 8
  - In-Person Open House: Nov. 13, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Venue: Blue Ridge School District High School, 3150 School Road, New Buffalo, PA 18834

- I-80 Nescopeck Creek Bridges Project
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Nov. 15 - Dec. 15
  - In-Person Meeting: Dec. 7, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Venue: Nescopeck Social Hall, 19 Zerfall Rd, Nescopeck, PA 18635

- I-80 Oney Lehigh River Bridge Project
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Nov. 17 - Dec. 17
  - In-Person Open House: Dec. 8, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Venue: Split Rock Resort, 428 Mountain Rd, Lake Harmony, PA 18624

- I-80 North Fork Bridges Project
  - Virtual Public Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period: Nov. 22 - Dec. 22
  - In-Person Open House: Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
  - Venue: Hickory Grove Elementary School, 304
I-80 Tolling Implementation Update

Initially, each of the four candidate bridge projects on Interstate 80 were proposed for tolling in both directions but based on public feedback and the proximity of the bridges, PennDOT will pursue one-way tolling. This means that traffic will be tolled eastbound at Canoe Creek, westbound at North Fork, and westbound at Nescopeck Creek, and eastbound at Lehigh River. One-way tolling reduces the number of tolls drivers would have to pay on I-80, as well as overall diversion and the need for additional tolling infrastructure. Tolls are expected to be $1 - $2 for passenger cars using E-ZPass at each toll location.

FAQs: Answering Questions from the Community

Q: If PA gets funding from the U.S. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, can that funding be used in place of tolling?

A: There’s no question that increased federal investment at this level would help and is welcome, but federal investment is unpredictable, and this increase alone will not solve our $8-$9 billion annual highway and bridge problem. In 2022, year one of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, we might realize $777 million in additional highway dollars. Through a menu bridge program, we might realize $262 million in additional dollars in year one.

We need state-level solutions to fill the growing funding gap and to access and leverage the federal funding with state-dollar matches. We need to fundamentally change how we fund transportation in Pennsylvania to bring revenue back in sync with the costs of sustaining our essential multimodal transportation system, and to fairly distribute those costs to those who directly and indirectly benefit from the system.

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