



PEL STUDY FINAL

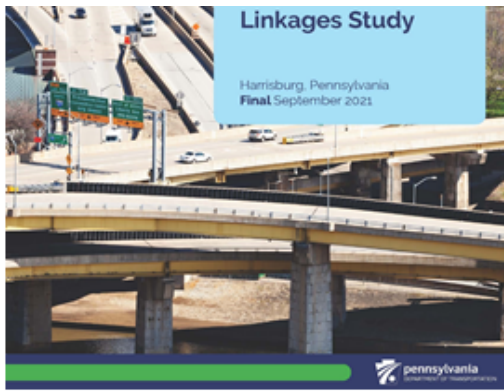
PennDOT Receives Concurrence on Transportation Funding Study

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has finalized its PennDOT Pathways Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study after receiving concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A PEL study is PennDOT Receives Concurrence on Transportation Funding Study In-Person, Online and Other Options for Engagement a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers a number of factors, including the environment, community and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. [You can read the full report and the executive summary here.](#)

PennDOT conducted the study to identify possible near- and long-term solutions to address the \$8.1 billion funding gap Pennsylvania is facing for highways and bridges. The PEL Study evaluated the feasibility of various funding options for near- and long-term implementation and established a methodology for evaluating potential effects on low-income and minority communities.



The PEL Study is designed to bridge the planning process and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process for a project or



initiative. The study will serve as a guide as PennDOT pursues and implements alternative funding strategies to help maintain and improve our transportation system. The most pressing near-term funding needs are in the highway and bridge program, but there are significant needs across all transportation modes. The findings of the PEL study will help guide the implementation of future funding strategies and can be modified as needs evolve.

A draft of the PennDOT Pathways PEL Study was made available for public review and comment in Spring 2021. PennDOT received 342 comments during the public comment period, which lasted from April 29 – June 1, 2021. The comments received and responses to comments are summarized in Appendix D of the Final PEL Study. [Click here for more information on the PennDOT Pathways PEL Study.](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

In-Person, Online and Other Options for Engagement



PennDOT has scheduled and is hosting public meetings for the first three of the nine candidate bridges in the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership Initiative. The meeting information will be available in both online and in-person open house

formats and includes input and insight PennDOT heard from communities since the launch of the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership in February as well as more than a dozen bridge-specific diversion route stakeholder briefings and workshops over the last four months.

Each individual bridge project will have its own meeting. At these meetings, you can learn about each bridge project's design plans; environmental studies; tolling implementation, potential impacts, and improvements; and overall project schedule. We encourage you to review the materials and

schedule. we encourage you to review the materials and share your input on the projects through the many options to comment found on each of the bridge projects' web page links below. Mark your calendars for the upcoming public meetings:

I-83 SOUTH BRIDGE PROJECT

On-Demand Online Virtual Format and 30-Day Comment:
Oct. 25 – Nov. 24

In-Person Open House Format:
Nov. 9, 10, from 1 – 7 p.m.

Venues: Harrisburg Mall (East Shore) on the **9th**, and Penn Harris Hotel (West Shore) on the **10th**

I-78 LENHARTSVILLE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On-Demand Online Virtual Format and 30-Day Comment:
Oct. 25 – Nov. 24

In-Person Open House Format:
Nov. 1, from 4 – 7 p.m.

Venue: Kempton Community Center

I-80 CANOE CREEK BRIDGES

On-Demand Online Virtual Format and 30-Day Comment:
Nov. 1 – Dec. 1

In-Person Open House Format:
Nov. 8, from - 7 p.m.

Venue: Keystone Elementary

COMING SOON!

Virtual and in-person public meetings are also being scheduled for November 2021 through the first quarter of 2022 for the six other candidate bridges in the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership Initiative and will be shared in this newsletter and other communications outreach

materials in advance of those dates.

For more information about PennDOT Pathways, visit our website at [**penndot.gov/funding**](https://penndot.gov/funding).

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