



MEDIA ADVISORY

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PENNDOT TO PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND COLLECT FEEDBACK AT PUBLIC MEETING ON CSVT PROJECT SOUTHERN SECTION

WHAT: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Engineering District 3-0 will host a public meeting to present and collect feedback on its recommended preferred alternative for a portion of the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT) Southern Section.

The CSVT Southern Section is a proposed four-lane limited access highway in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough, Snyder County. The new highway will connect US Routes 11/15 north of Selinsgrove to US Route 15 south of Winfield, and the project includes a connector from the new highway to PA Route 61 (the Veterans Memorial Bridge).

PennDOT's project design team will make a presentation starting at 6:30 P.M. An open house will follow starting at 7:15 P.M. that will display the results of detailed studies performed on the alternatives to avoid the ash basins, PennDOT's recommended preferred alternative, some design changes made since the last public meeting, anticipated next steps, and other aspects of the design process. Project design team members will be available to address questions and receive feedback about the information presented during the meeting.

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 6:30 P.M. – 9 P.M.**

WHERE: **Selinsgrove Middle School, 401 18th Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870**

*This location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

WHO: **Matt Beck, P.E., Assistant Plans Engineer**, PennDOT District 3-0

Dave Hamlet, P.E., Consultant Project Manager, Gannett Fleming

*Media interviews with project design team members are available with advance notification/scheduling.

WHY: As discussed at its previous public meetings in February and May 2017, PennDOT committed to presenting this fall its recommended preferred alternative to realign CSVT and the PA 61 Connector to avoid the fly ash waste basins.

Much has been accomplished since the May meeting. Detailed engineering and environmental studies were completed over the summer on the three ash basin avoidance alternatives, known as the Western, Central, and Eastern Alternatives. The primary purpose of this meeting is to present and collect feedback on the results of those studies and PennDOT's recommended preferred alternative. PennDOT's anticipated next steps will be outlined for continuing to move CSVT forward to completion, when its many benefits for the community and region will ultimately be realized.

Public involvement is a key component of the design process and input from community members who live, work or regularly travel in the area will be considered as the project design is further developed and evaluated. All residents, business owners, and other interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public meeting and offer their opinions and suggestions.

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