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## **PennDOT's Recommended Alternative Announced for Avoiding Ash Basins on CSVT Southern Section**

*PennDOT to Seek Input at Public Meeting*

**Montoursville, PA** – PennDOT's Montoursville-based Engineering District 3 has announced it is recommending the Eastern Alternative for realigning a portion of the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT) Southern Section to avoid the nearby fly ash waste basins. The Eastern Alternative runs along the east side of the ash basins and can be viewed on [www.csvt.com](http://www.csvt.com), along with the two other alternatives under consideration (the Western and Central Alternatives) and tables comparing the engineering and environmental impacts of each alternate route.

PennDOT will host a public meeting to present the reasons for recommending the Eastern Alternative and collect feedback from 6:30 PM to 9 PM on Wednesday November 15, at the Selinsgrove Middle School, 401 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Selinsgrove, PA.

The department's project design team will make a presentation at 6:30 PM. An open house will follow at 7:15 PM that will display maps of each realignment alternative and information on the reasons for recommending the Eastern Alternative, as well as updates on some other recent design changes.

In addition, PennDOT's anticipated next steps to move CSVT forward to completion will be outlined.

Project design team members will be available to address questions and receive feedback about the information presented during the meeting.

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 U.S. 11/15 north of Selinsgrove to U.S. 15 south of Winfield, and the project will include a connector from the new highway to PA Route 61 (the Veterans Memorial Bridge).

As presented at PennDOT's last public meeting in May, three alternatives were developed for realigning CSVT and the PA Route 61 Connector around the ash basins. Over the summer, detailed engineering and environmental studies were performed on the alternatives that have allowed PennDOT to compare the alternate routes based on many factors. PennDOT is recommending the Eastern Alternative because it better meets the traffic needs of the project, and of the three alternatives, has the least impact to residences, the least impact to farmlands, and the least noise impact.

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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