

SNYDER COUNTY, MONROE TOWNSHIP AND SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH
SR 15, SECTION 088, CSVT SOUTHERN SECTION

Dear Resident,

To stay informed of the development of the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT) Southern Section, please see the meeting notice and general project update provided below.

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Engineering District 3-0 would like to inform you of two upcoming community meetings related to the CSVT Southern Section. The two community meetings are intended for residents who live within the Ash Basin Focus Area and whose property is immediately adjacent to or close to the Eastern Alternative. The meeting dates, times, and location are provided on the second page of this notice.

The purpose of these meetings is to further explain the visual aspects of PennDOT's recommended alternative for CSVT within the Ash Basin Focus Area so that residents better understand how the highway will look from the community. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and suggest ways that the design can minimize impacts.

Public involvement is a key component of the design process, and input from community members will be considered as the project design is further developed. All residents who live within the red and blue shaded areas on the attached map are strongly encouraged to participate in the community meetings and offer their opinions and suggestions.

PennDOT's project design team will make a presentation starting at 7:00 P.M. Following the presentation, an open discussion will be held where attendees can ask questions and offer suggestions in a group setting. Following the group discussion, the project team will be available to further address questions and receive feedback on a one-on-one basis.

Similar information will be presented at each of the two meetings. However, the first meeting will focus on the area of the Orchard Hills, Gunter, and Weatherfield neighborhoods, so residents who live within the red shaded area on the attached map are therefore encouraged to attend that evening, if possible. The second meeting will focus on the area along Sunbury Road and the area between Fisher Road and 11th Avenue, so residents who live within the blue shaded area on the attached map are therefore encouraged to attend that evening, if possible. Please note that additional community meetings will be held in the future for residents who live along CSVT but outside of the Ash Basin Focus Area.

PennDOT is looking forward to meeting with the community in order to work together on advancing this major improvement that will bring many benefits to the community and region while also minimizing impacts to those who will live nearby.

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE
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Date: Monday, April 23rd (Orchard Hills, Gunter, and Weatherfield neighborhoods)
Wednesday, April 25th (Sunbury Road and between Fisher Road and 11th Ave)

Time: Presentation: 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Group Discussion: 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
One-on-one Discussion: 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Location: Susquehanna Ballroom, Econo Lodge Inn & Suites
3249 N Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam, PA 17876

The community meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require special accommodations or if you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Assistant Plans Engineer Matthew Beck, P.E. at 570.368.4256 or matbeck@pa.gov.

GENERAL PROJECT UPDATE

The project team continues to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the recommended Eastern Alternative within the Ash Basin Focus Area. A 30-day public review and comment period for the document is anticipated to be provided later this Spring, and a public hearing is anticipated to be held in late Spring. At the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to provide oral or written testimony, which PennDOT will consider and respond to before requesting environmental clearance from FHWA. Environmental clearance is currently anticipated to be received in late Summer 2018.

Pending environmental clearance, final design activities will proceed within the Ash Basin Focus Area. During final design, the project team will continue its efforts to minimize and/or mitigate impacts to land owners, communities, and environmental resources. Right-of-way acquisitions will continue, utility relocations will be performed, and environmental permits required for construction will be obtained. Final construction plans and bidding documents will also be prepared.

All of the activities above are necessary to advance the project to construction. It is too early to predict how much time will be required for each of those activities, but the project team anticipates this summer being able to estimate start and completion dates for construction of the CSVT Southern Section.

Much progress has been made since the ash basin challenge was initially identified, and the project team will continue to work diligently toward project completion so that the area can benefit from CSVT as soon as possible.

NOTE: Full project maps and other information are available at www.csvt.com.