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PennDOT Invites Public to Comment on I-83 South Bridge Project

In-person hearings scheduled for November 1 and November 2

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will host two public hearings and receive public comment in-person, online and by mail on an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the [I-83 South Bridge Project](#) in Dauphin and Cumberland Counties.

The I-83 John Harris Memorial (South) Bridge will not be tolled and is no longer included in the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership (MBP3). The project will be moving forward with non-tolling funding sources and to expedite this critical project, PennDOT continues to seek federal discretionary funding.

The I-83 South Bridge is located over the Susquehanna River between Lemoyne and Harrisburg and is an aging structure. The bridge no longer meets current design standards, and it is reaching the end of its serviceable lifespan. Due to bridge conditions and anticipated increases in traffic volumes, the bridge and its connections on the West Shore and East Shore need to be upgraded. By investing in improvements today, we can ensure that the I-83 South Bridge can support the future needs of the Harrisburg region.

The in-person public hearings will take place from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM November 1 at Hotel Indigo Harrisburg, 765 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 and November 2 at the Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. An open house display on the project will begin at 3:30 PM and will remain open until the end of the hearing. Formal public testimony opportunities will begin at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM each day, with a break in between sessions. All materials that will be presented during the open house, including a project overview, maps, and EA documents will be available online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i83SouthBridge from October 17 to November 16, 2023.

PennDOT and FHWA encourage the public to review and comment on the EA during this 30-day period. The EA will be available at physical locations listed at the end of this news release and online until 11:59 PM November 16 at www.penndot.pa.gov/i83SouthBridge. All comments will receive equal consideration regardless of the method of submission, whether they are provided verbally in person, in writing, via email, through U.S. mail, or by way of an online comment form.

The EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, examines the potential impacts to natural, social, economic, and cultural resources from this project and alternatives under consideration. It will determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be prepared, or a Finding of No Significant Impact would be issued.

The public has several options to provide comments on this EA:

- Comments may be emailed to i83SouthBridge@pa.gov

- The public may provide comments through the form available online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i83SouthBridge
- Testimony will be received at the in-person public hearings before an audience with a stenographer. Those providing testimony are asked to register in advance at www.penndot.pa.gov/i83SouthBridge or by calling 717-743-1005. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes per participant and the number of slots will depend on available time.
- Individuals may provide testimony privately at the in-person public hearings in a separate space with a stenographer.
- Written comments may be brought to the in-person hearings, completed at the event and deposited in a comment box, or mailed to: PennDOT District 8, I-83 South Bridge Project, Attn: Marwa Said, 2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.
- Comment forms will be provided at the in-person public hearings and at locations where the EA is available for review.

The locations where the public can review a physical copy of the EA documents are:

- PennDOT District 8 Office (2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103)
- FHWA Pa. Division (30 N 3rd Street, Suite 700, Harrisburg, PA 17101)
- McCormick Riverfront Library (101 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101)
- Cleve J Fredricksen Library (100 N 19th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011)
- Camp Hill Borough (2145 Walnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011)
- New Cumberland Borough Hall (1120 Market Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070)
- Lemoyne Borough (510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043)
- City of Harrisburg (10 N 2nd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101)
- Kline Library (530 S 29th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104)
- Bethesda Mission Community Center (1438 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103)
- The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region (506 S 29th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104)
- The Latino Hispanic American Community Center (1301 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104)

The public hearing locations are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Anyone requiring additional information or special assistance to participate in the hearing should email i83SouthBridge@pa.gov by October 25, 2023, to coordinate arrangements.

Those who would like to request translation services can reach out via the project email at i83SouthBridge@pa.gov or hotline number, 717-743-1005. Si usted desea solicitar servicios de traducción, por favor contacte al correo electrónico del proyecto i83SouthBridge@pa.gov llame a la línea directa del proyecto 717-743-1005.

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