



Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps
Baltimore District CENAB-OPR-P
Special Public Notice 18-30

Date June 1, 2018

Subject: Notice of Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing for the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT), alternative alignments for the Ash Basin Focus Area located between Fisher Road and Sunbury Road, in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

On November 5, 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized a Department of the Army Individual Permit for the CSVT project (CENAB-OPR-P-1996-00729-P12 (PA DOT – S.R. 0015, Section 088)). The previously authorized roadway was to be constructed across two existing fly ash waste basins. However, due to the instability of these basins, the proposed roadway needs to be relocated away from these basins.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, and in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to supplement the 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the CSVT Project (State Route 15, Section 088). The Supplemental EA is for alternatives to the construction of the roadway within the Ash Basin Focus Area located in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough, Snyder County, and describes and evaluates the alternative alignments and interchange configurations related to modifying the approximately 2-mile-long portion of the project to avoid construction on the two existing fly ash waste basins.

The Ash Basin Focus Area is located between Fisher Road to the west, Pine Lane and Weatherfield Drive to the south, Sunbury Road to the east, and Park Road to the north. The focus area is located within the Southern Section of the CSVT Project, which is one of two sections of the overall project that have been defined for design and construction purposes. The Southern Section involves the construction of a proposed four-lane limited access highway that will connect US Routes 11/15 north of Selinsgrove in Snyder County to US Route 15 south of Winfield in Union County. The Southern Section also includes a connector to PA Route 61 (the Veterans Memorial Bridge) into Sunbury in Northumberland County.

Within the Ash Basin Focus Area, PennDOT's Preferred Alternative is the Eastern Alternative, which passes around the two ash basins to the east and/or south, and ties into the previously authorized alignment at Fisher Road and at Sunbury Road.

The Supplemental EA will be available for public review and formal comment beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2018, for a 30-day period ending Friday, July 6, 2018. An electronic version of the document will be available on the project website (www.csvt.com), and hard copies will be available at the locations listed at the bottom of this notice.

A joint FHWA/USACE Public Hearing will be held to provide interested persons the opportunity to testify concerning the effects of the alternative alignments within the Ash Basin Focus Area, including the social, economic, cultural, environmental, and other impacts. PennDOT has identified wetlands and surface waters that they consider regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Public Hearing will provide the opportunity to present views, opinions, and information which will be considered by USACE in evaluating any modification of the Section 404 permit issued for the project.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Shikellamy High School, 600 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801. Project plans will be displayed beginning at 4:00 PM. The Public Hearing will begin at 5:00 PM with introductory remarks by officials of FHWA and USACE.

Following the introductory remarks, the Public Hearing will be open to testimony from all interested parties. Testimony may be given by any of the following means:

1. Public oral testimony transcribed by a stenographer;
2. Private oral testimony transcribed by a stenographer;
3. Written testimony.

Those wishing to give public or private testimony will be taken in turn as they sign in at the Public Hearing. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes or less in order to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak. However, additional written comments can be submitted at the Public Hearing in support of oral testimony.

Outside of the Public Hearing, written comments expressing concerns for aquatic resources, including wetlands, may be submitted in hard copy to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District
1631 South Atherton Street
Suite 101
State College, PA 16801
ATTN: Mike Dombroskie

Written comments concerning all issues, including aquatic resources, may be submitted in hard copy to:

PennDOT Engineering District 3-0
715 Jordan Avenue
Montoursville, PA 17754
ATTN: Matthew Beck, P.E., Assistant Plans Engineer
or via email to CSVT_SupplementalEA@skellyloy.com. Comments will not be accepted via the project website.

To be considered by PennDOT, FHWA, and/or USACE, comments on the Supplemental EA must be postmarked by July 6, 2018 and must include the name and mailing address of the commenter.

The Public Hearing location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require special accommodations or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Beck at 570-368-4256.

The Supplemental EA will be available for review starting on June 6, 2018, with all supporting project information, during normal business hours at:

- PennDOT Engineering District 3-0, 715 Jordan Avenue, Montoursville, PA
- Skelly and Loy, Inc., 449 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA

The Supplemental EA will also be available for review starting on June 6, 2018, with the 2003 FEIS, during normal business hours at:

SNYDER COUNTY

- Shamokin Dam Borough Building, 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam, PA
- Monroe Township Municipal Building, 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, PA
- Penn Township Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, PA
- Selinsgrove Borough Office, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA

- Snyder County Planning Commission, Snyder County Courthouse, 9 West Market Street, Middleburg, PA
- Office of US Congressman Tom Marino, 713 Bridge Street, Room 29, Selinsgrove, PA
- Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2859 North Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam, PA
- Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA

UNION COUNTY

- Union Township Municipal Building, 70 Municipal Lane, Winfield, PA
- Union County Planning Commission, UC Government Center, 155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA
- Office of PA Representative Fred Keller, 343 Chestnut Street, Suite 1, Mifflinburg, PA
- SEDA-Council of Governments, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA
- Union County Public Library, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

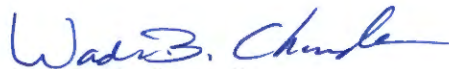
- Sunbury City Hall, 225 Market Street, Sunbury, PA
- Northumberland County Planning Commission, 399 Stadium Drive, Sunbury, PA
- Office of PA Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver, 106 Arch Street, Sunbury, PA
- Office of US Congressman Lou Barletta, 106 Arch Street, Sunbury, PA
- Degenstein Community Library, 40 South 5th Street, Sunbury, PA

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- Office of PA Senator John Gordner, 603 West Main Street, Bloomsburg, PA
- Office of PA Senator Gene Yaw, 330 Pine Street, Suite 204, Williamsport, PA
- Office of US Senator Robert Casey, Jr., 200 North 3rd Street, Suite 14A, Harrisburg, PA
- Office of US Senator Pat Toomey, 228 Walnut Street, Suite 1104, Harrisburg, PA
- Federal Highway Administration, 228 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA

The Supplemental EA will also serve as documentation for a modification request by PennDOT to the permit issued by USACE in 2007 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. That permit authorized the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into Waters of the United States associated with the previous alignment of the roadway. Once final design plans are complete for the alternative alignment, PennDOT will submit a permit modification request to the Corps. At that time a second public notice will be issued by the Corps to gather additional comments related to final design plans and impacts to the aquatic environment. The decision whether to issue the Section 404 permit modification will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed project on the public interest. The decision will reflect national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposed project will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof. Among the factors to be considered are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons know by you to be interested, and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.



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Chief, Pennsylvania Section