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Public Encouraged to Review, Attend Meeting on CSVT Southern Section Realignment Alternatives

Montoursville, PA – PennDOT Engineering District 3 has released an overview map of three preliminary alternatives for realigning a portion of the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT) Southern Section to avoid the nearby fly ash waste basins. The map is available on the CSVT website, www.csvt.com.

PennDOT will host a public meeting to review and seek input on those alternatives from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, May 25, at the Selinsgrove Middle School, 401 18th Street, Selinsgrove, PA.

PennDOT's project design team will make a presentation at 6:30 PM. An open house will follow at 7:30 PM that will display more detailed maps for each realignment alternative, as well as updates on some other recent design changes. 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. Routes 11/15 north of Selinsgrove to U.S. 15 south of Winfield, and the project will include a connector from the new highway to Route 61 (the Veterans Memorial Bridge).

As presented at PennDOT's last public meeting in February, engineering and environmental challenges have arisen during final design of the CSVT Southern Section. PennDOT has determined the CSVT and Route 61 Connector alignments must be modified to minimize acid rock excavation and to avoid the nearby fly ash waste basins.

Much has been accomplished since the February meeting, as the project continues to move forward toward completion and bringing benefits to the region. The alternatives that will be shown at this meeting are preliminary, and they will be adjusted based on detailed studies, public input, and efforts to minimize impacts. It is anticipated that a preferred alternative will be chosen later in the year and presented at a future meeting.

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 alternate routes are 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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