

**MP 324 to 326 Total Reconstruction Project
Community Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

Question/Concern/Comment	Response
I understand that the Turnpike is installing a stormwater pipe on Thomas Road this fall. Could you ask them where they are sending the water from this new pipe, please?	The water will be going directly into the West Branch of Trout Creek. All of the water currently goes into the creek but will now go through the new stormwater basins on the Service Plaza property first to reduce the flow.
Although we have a timeline for the reconstruction of the Thomas and Glenhardie Road bridges and that is understandably open to alteration as conditions require, can you give us a broader timeline for the total expansion project?	The entire project is anticipated to go from September 2021 to Spring of 2025 with the majority of work completed by the end of 2024. Refer to FAQ's and construction schedule on the website.
Will we receive updates on the timeline, especially for the bridge reconstruction as these road closures will impact many residents, not just those living close to the Turnpike.	Regular updates will be provided on the website by the construction team during construction. They typically provide 4 week look ahead schedules for upcoming work.
When can we expect the sound barriers to go up and how long will that take to complete the work?	Not all of the sound barriers will be constructed at the same time but all should be completed by the of 2023. Refer to FAQ's.
Given that funding is uncertain for even the widening project, is it known how solid are the plans for the barrier at this point?	The funding/timing is uncertain for the MP 320 to 324 project located west of Valley Forge Road. The plans for the sound barrier between MP 324 and 326 are solid.
Is the sound barrier an essential part of the expansion project from the Turnpike Commission's point of view? It certainly is from ours. What will happen if funding runs out prior to completion of the expansion project? We are assuming the sound barriers are, indeed, part of the total project.	The sound barriers are an essential part of the expansion project and will be included with any section that goes out to construction.
Now that the trees are down and the wire fence separating the turnpike property from our backyards are down, lots of trash is exposed from the turnpike. When will there be trash cleanup along the turnpike in our neighborhood?	Requests have been made to Turnpike maintenance to clean up the trash.
Basin landscape plan, Glenhardie Road north of the Turnpike: What will the fence around the basins look like and what will the property on Glenhardie Road that will be a stormwater retention basin look like. It is very different than other basins the turnpike has in that it is in a neighborhood. It has to look pretty and not bring down our real estate. The fence can't be a stockade fence but has to blend into our neighborhood. The last we heard it was going to be a post and rail fence which would be okay but a stockade fence would not.	We can review the landscape plan and show a detail of the fence at the meeting. It will be a post and rail fence with wire mesh for safety.
What is the Turnpike's right to access private property along the right-of-way?	The contractor would need to get permission from property owners access any private property outside of what has already been acquired as an easement.
What is the Turnpike's right of eminent domain regarding properties along the right-of-way?	The Turnpike has already acquired any required right-of-way through eminent domain. See response to question above regarding any further right to access private property.

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<p>What is the process by which the state takes and then compensates us for our property during this project? They sent us a letter and then [they] just came through and took out a bunch of trees (I assume they were all within the easement)</p>	<p>Any tree removal was within property or easements already acquired.</p>
<p>My understanding is they have to put up barriers if they are widening the turnpike. That is art of the budget and something they can't proceed forward with unless they put up the barriers.</p>	<p>The noise barriers will be constructed as shown on the plans within the reconstruction project limits.</p>
<p>Assuming all of the noise is from the widening of the turnpike y'all have been talking about. But is there like a time things should start and end? I thought there were limits to how early and how late they are allowed to work in a residential area.</p>	<p>Night-time work will be limited with the exception of work that requires lane closures on the Turnpike. Lane closures on the Turnpike can only occur during off-peak hours at night.</p>
<p>It's just a little frustrating over here on Red Coat because all the workers park in front of my house all day long starting at 6 am and they just sit out there and talk until it's time for them to work and they unload all the supplies and big trucks right in front of my house and I've been dealing with it but now they are working and being loud and it's almost 11:30 pm.. [my young children] are being woken up every morning and now tonight too because of how loud.</p>	<p>This was related to the utility relocation work along Thomas Road performed by the utility company. The PTC will work with their contractor to control where vehicles are parked and how they access the work zone.</p>
<p>Are there plans to light the tunnel now that they are widening it? I know several years ago during the township meetings with the storm water it was brought up about lighting them since they will be so wide. It would help during those times of day when it is super bright out & then hitting the tunnel the juxtaposition of brightness & darkness can be a hazard for walkers/bikers when going under the turnpike when a car is also present.</p>	<p>Assume the tunnel refers to the bridges over Thomas and Glenhardie Roads. Lighting is not required under bridges of this length and will not be provided.</p>
<p>When will the exposed trash all along the highway making our neighborhood look very littered be removed?</p>	<p>Refer to previous response.</p>
<p>When will sound barriers be erected:</p>	<p>Refer to previous response.</p>
<p>If barriers come last, will the widened road and increased noise be there before the barriers or will they block the widened road use till they put up barriers?</p>	<p>Refer to previous response.</p>

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When the Glenhardie and Thomas Road bridges are reconstructed:	
a. Will Glenahrdie and Thomas be widened to include a shoulder on each side of the roads under the overpasses so there's a walking/biking lane?	There will be 8 foot wide shoulders on Thomas Road under the bridge and 6 foot wide shoulders on Glenhardie Road under the bridge.
b. And/or will they add lighting under the bridges so it's easier for motorists to see pedestrians under the bridges? Even in broad daylight it can be hard to see pedestrians under the bridges.	Lighting will not be provided. See previous response.
Who do we contact for fast response on any safety concerns or unexpected activity.	A point of contact will be provided once construction begins.