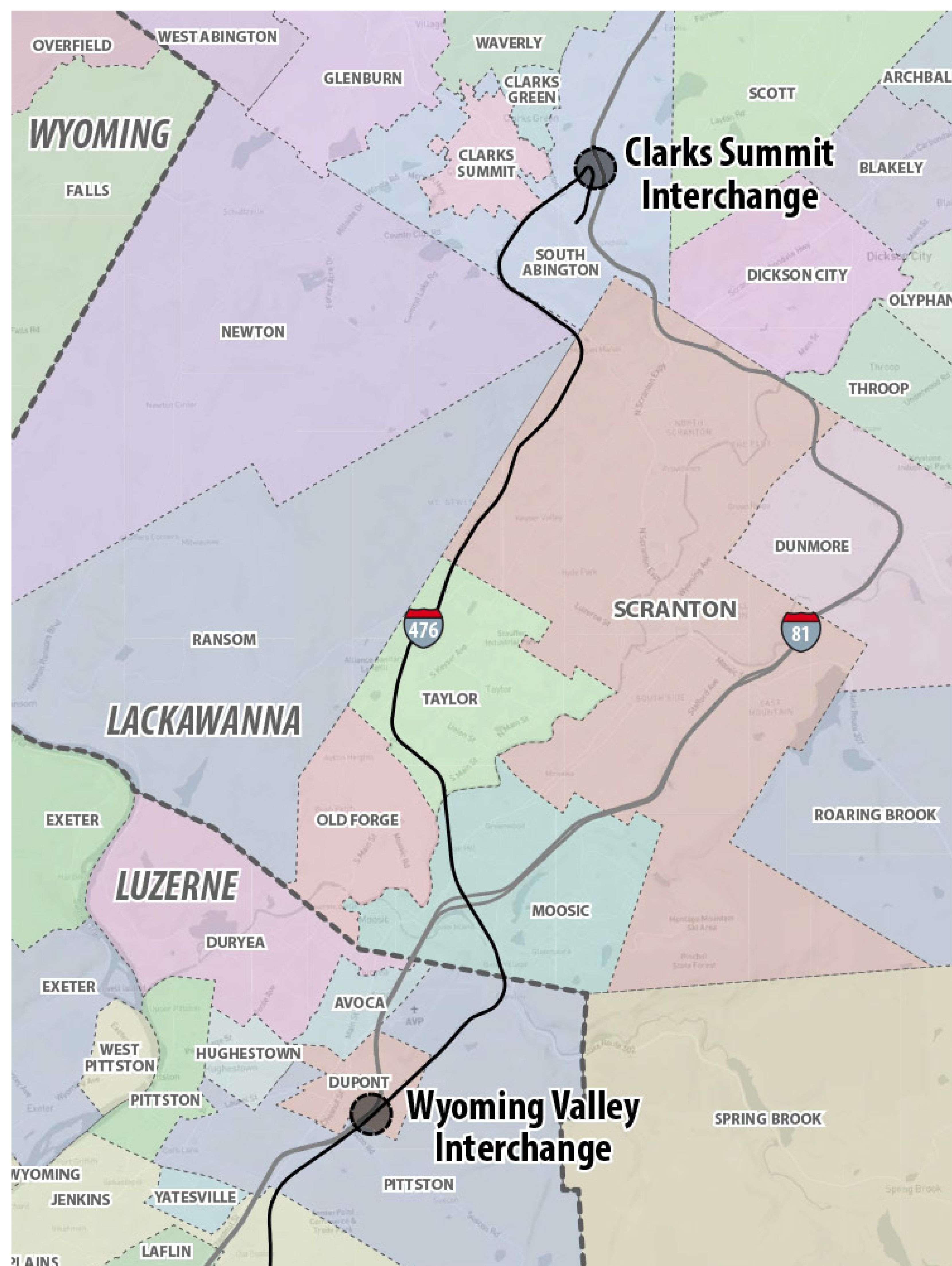


Project Description



The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission plans to invest \$196 million, with an additional \$40 million being provided by PennDOT/Federal Highway Administration, to provide for a proposed limited access beltway system around the Scranton metropolitan area. This will be accomplished by providing highway speed direct connections between I-476 and I-81 at two disjunct locations in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

The Scranton Beltway project will address current and future congestion on I-81 by increasing the utilization of I-476.

I-81 has been identified as the central spine for most existing and future development, and this project will help to alleviate traffic on I-81 while also providing a congestion relief alternative for motorists.

The Wyoming Valley interchange is located in Pittston Township, Luzerne County, near exit 115 and milepost 115 on I-476 and Exit 175 on I-81. The Clarks Summit interchange is located in South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, near exit 131 at milepost 131 on I-476 and exit 194 on I-81.

Upon completion of this project, the Clarks Summit Interchange will feature a two-lane highway speed connection from I-476 Northbound to I-81 Northbound, and a single-lane highway speed connection from I-81 Southbound to I-476 Southbound. The existing indirect connections between I-476 and I-81 will remain.

This project also involves the construction of new stormwater facilities, two new bridges as well as the replacement of two existing bridges, a new culvert, and installation of sound barriers where the criteria is met. During construction of the replacement of the dual structures along I-81 over Edella Road, there will be a detour onto state roads

