Purpose of the Public Hearing

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the Environmental Assessment document associated with this project in the form of official testimony.

Your testimony will be transcribed and then included in the Environmental Assessment document.

Note: The public hearing format does not allow for question and answer, only official testimony. Therefore, questions will not be answered in person tonight however any questions tendered during testimony will be officially answered in the final Environmental Assessment document upon its public release.

How to provide testimonial feedback on the Scranton Beltway Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Comment Period on the Environmental Assessment document began October 12th and is open until November 20th.

Testimony on the Environmental Assessment document may be provided in the following ways:

1. **Oral testimony tonight (public or private)**
   Please register to provide testimony at the welcome table. Most testimony is given in the hearing room however if you wish to provide your testimony privately there is a separate room and stenographer available for you to do so.

2. **Written Testimony**
   Please pick up a comment form and write in your testimony. You may then deposit your form in the comment box located at the comment table. Or you may take it home and mail it to us (address label is already on the form), or email it to us at scrantonbeltway@paturnpike.com

   You may also submit written testimony through our online comment form located on our project website https://www.paturnpike.com/traveling/construction/site/scranton-beltway

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Environmental Assessment Comment Period
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Physical copies of the Environmental Assessment can be viewed at the following locations:

- PennDOT District 4-0: 55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, PA 18512
- Dupont Borough Municipal Building: 600 Chestnut Street, Dupont, PA 18641
- Pittston Township Municipal Building: 421 Broad Street, Pittston, PA 18640
- Avoca Municipal Building: 950 Main Street, Avoca, PA 18641
- Jenkins Township Municipal Building: 46 1/2 Main Street, Inkerman, PA 18640
- Luzerne County Planning & Zoning: 20 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
- South Abintgon Township Municipal Building: 104 Shady Lane Road, South Abintgon Township, PA 18411
- Clarks Summit Borough Office: 304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411
- Clarks Green Borough Office: 104 N. Abington Road, Clarks Green, PA 18411
- Lackawanna County Administration Building: 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503
- Abington Community Library: 1200 W. Grove Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411
- Pittston Memorial Library: 47 Broad Street, Pittston, PA 18640
- West Pittston Library: 200 Exeter Avenue, West Pittston, PA 18643

A digital version of the Environmental Assessment document and details on how to submit your comments electronically are located at the project website:
http://www.paturnpike.com/traveling/construction/site/scranton-beltway

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What is in the Environmental Assessment?

- Project Description including purpose and need
- Description of alternatives and their major design features
- Explanation of known or anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed alternatives

The Environmental Assessment considers the project's effects on:

- Residential and neighborhood character and location
- Conservation including air, erosion, sedimentation, wildlife, threatened & endangered species, and general ecology of the area
- Noise, air, and water pollution
- Multiple uses of space
- Displacement of families and businesses
- Replacement housing
- Recreation and parks
- Aesthetics
- Public health and safety
- Hazardous and residual wastes
- Fast, safe, and efficient transportation
- Civil defense
- Economic activity
- Employment
- Fire protection
- Public utilities
- Religious institutions
- Conduct and financing of government, including the effect on the local tax base and social service costs
- Natural and historical landmarks
- Archaeological resources
- Property values
- Education, including the disruption of school district operations
- Engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs of the project and related facilities
- Maintenance and operating costs of the project and related facilities
- Operation and use of transportation routes and facilities

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Project Location - Scranton Beltway

Project Location



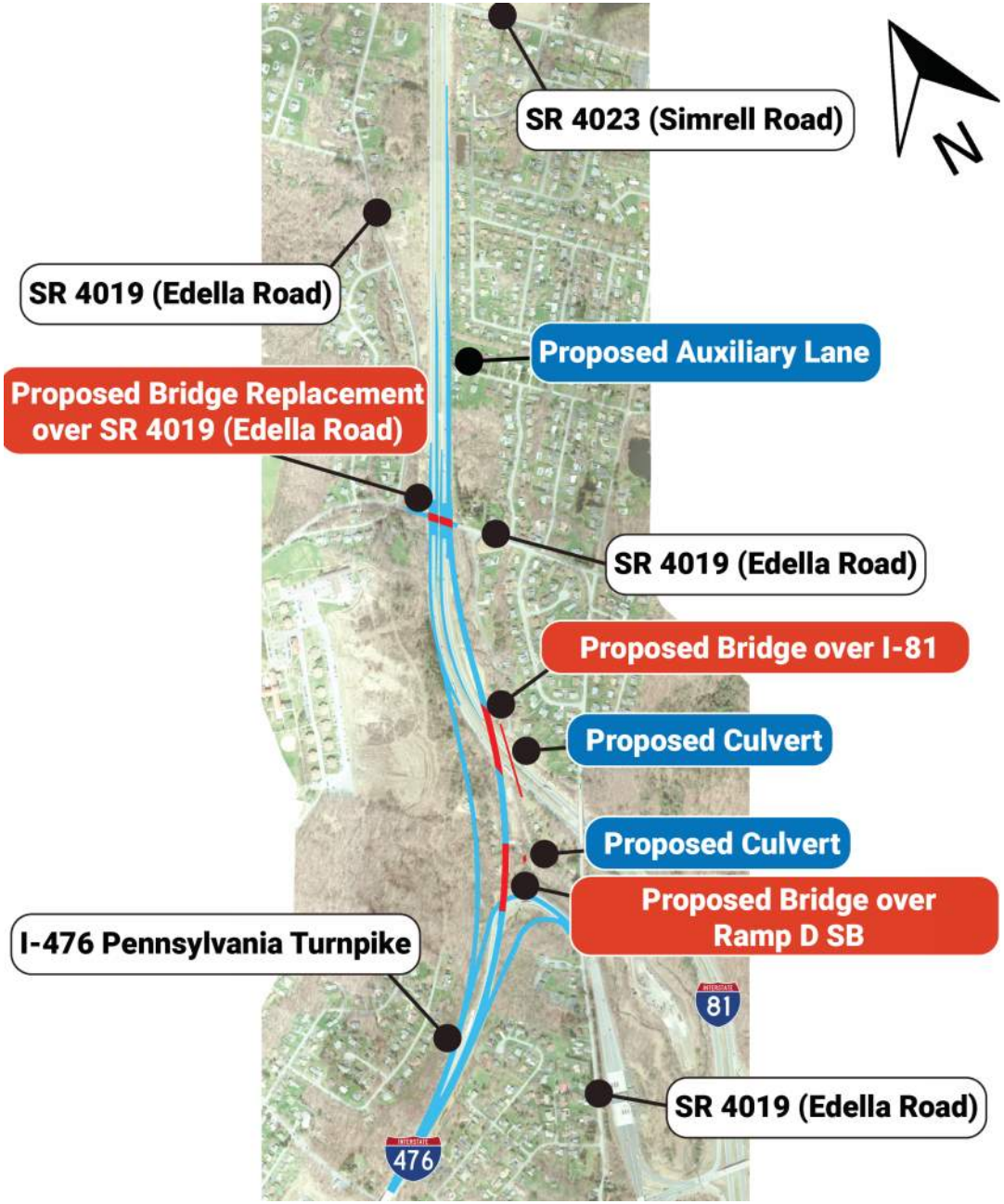
The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission plans to invest $196 million, with an additional $40 million being provided by PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, to support a proposed limited access beltway system around the Scranton metropolitan area. This will be accomplished by providing highway speed direct connections between I-476 and I-81 at two locations in Luzerne and Lackawana 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 primary corridor for most existing and future development, and the project is expected to help to alleviate traffic on I-81 while also providing motorists an alternate route.

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The Clarks Summit interchange is located in South Abington Township, Lackawanna County at exit 131 on I-476 and exit 194 on I-81.

Upon completion, 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 in place.

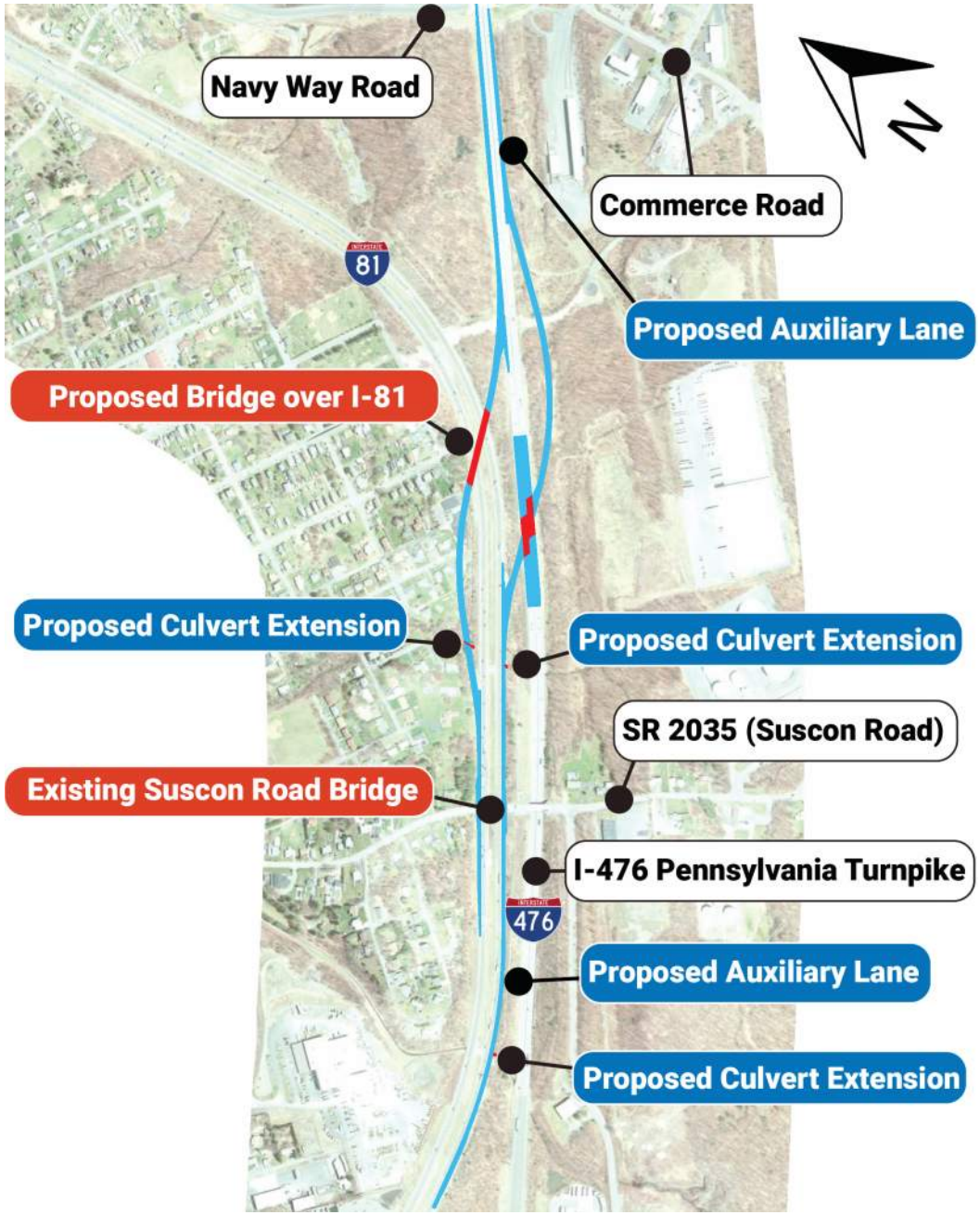
This project also includes construction of new stormwater facilities, two new bridges, replacement of two existing bridges, a new culvert, and installation of sound barriers where criteria are met. During construction of the replacement dual structures along I-81 over Edella Road, traffic will be detoured onto state roads.

LEGEND

- Proposed New Ramp
- Proposed Structure

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The Wyoming Valley interchange is located in Pittston Township, Luzerne County at exit 115 on I-476 and exit 175 on I-81.

Upon completion, the Wyoming Valley interchange will feature single-lane highway speed connections from I-81 northbound to I-476 northbound, and from I-476 southbound to I-81 southbound. The existing indirect connections between I-476 and I-81 will remain in place.

This project also includes the construction of new stormwater facilities, two new bridges, two culvert extensions, and installation of sound barriers where criteria are met.

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