

**Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC)
State Route 130 (SR 130) Interchange Project
Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting #1 Summary**

Meeting Date: Monday, March 4, 2024
Time: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Penn Township Office
 Microsoft Teams

Participants:

Name	Organization
Angela Baker	PennDOT District 12-0
Stan Caroline	Penn Township Sewage Authority
Rachel Duda	PennDOT District 12-0
George Dunbar	PA House of Representatives
Curt Fontaine	Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County
Edgar Grant	Penn Township Ambulance Association
Ron Holsopple	Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County
Chuck Konkus	Penn Township
Michael Kornis	Babst Calland
Tom Lamacz	Penn Township
Brian Lee	Paintertown Volunteer Fire Department
Chuck Miller	Penn Township
Phillip Miller	Penn Township
John Otto	Penn Township Police
Mary Perez	Penn Township
Jen Ramien	Penn Township / Office of Rep. George Dunbar
Bob Regola*	Regola Consulting
Bill Roberts	Penn Township
Tom Ryczek	PennDOT District 12-0
Dan Schmitt	Gibson Thomas Engineering
John Trant**	Strategic Solutions
Paul Wersing	Penn Township Emergency Management

* - *Attended virtually*

** - *Consultant to Penn Township*

Project Team:

Name	Organization
Renee Vid Colborn	PA Turnpike Commission
Carl DeFebo*	PA Turnpike Commission
Crispin Havener*	PA Turnpike Commission
Lauren Leipziger	PA Turnpike Commission
Mohammad Mohammad	PA Turnpike Commission
Brian Mostek	PA Turnpike Commission
Kevin Scheurich*	PA Turnpike Commission

Name	Organization
Melissa Badeker*	McCormick Taylor
Virginia Bailey*	McCormick Taylor
Lugene Keys	McCormick Taylor
Mario Mellinger	McCormick Taylor
Ty Murcko	McCormick Taylor
Jeanette Quirus*	McCormick Taylor
Brian St. John	McCormick Taylor

* - Attended virtually

Items Shared During Meeting: Meeting Agenda, PowerPoint presentation; SAG Operating Guidelines, Comment Form

The purpose of the meeting was to organize and initiate the SR 130 Project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), introduce the group’s roles and responsibilities, and review project status updates and general information for discussion.

The meeting was led by PTC Senior Engineer Project Manager Mohammad Mohammad and included presentation from McCormick Taylor Transportation Engineering Director Brian St. John. Meeting facilitation and documentation were provided by McCormick Taylor personnel. The following content reflects the key items of discussion by agenda topic.

Welcome and Introductions

Mohammad Mohammad welcomed and thanked all attendees for their time and participation in the SAG. A map depicting the locations of the PTC projects underway in the vicinity of the SR 130 Interchange project and the Penn Township area was presented and reviewed, with anticipated construction schedules provided for further context.

An important piece of the SAG is the exchange of accurate project information, and the clarification between each of these projects is important part of keeping the public and local communities informed on which activities are specific to the SR 130 Interchange Project, and which are part of ongoing PTC projects.

SAG Roles & Operating Guidance

Mohammad reviewed the overall roles, responsibilities, and goals of the SAG with the group. The primary purpose of the SAG is to serve as a reliable, local communications resource for the exchange of timely and accurate project-related information and feedback representative of the project community’s perspective and other key stakeholders located throughout the PTC SR 130 Interchange project area.

This includes sustaining a reliable, local, two-way dialogue about project activities including field work, engineering design, and public engagement opportunities. The SAG will serve as a valuable

liaison between the PA Turnpike Commission/PTC project team and the project area community and other beneficiaries of this important transportation improvement project. To achieve these goals, the PTC is conducting public communications and stakeholder engagement activities much earlier in the process than usual.

Project Overview

Brian St. John presented the SR 130 Interchange Project overview, reviewing the overall project area and goal: providing a new I-76 interchange with full access both eastbound and westbound to SR 130. Additional data and considerations in early design and planning activities are structured around improving the roadway network and local economics/investment.

The project overview portion of the meeting covered topics central to existing traffic, project design alternatives, anticipated traffic data, and environmental activities/considerations. Several project design alternatives were presented to the group, providing preliminary analyses across a variety of parameters including feasibility, cost, traffic, and environmental considerations.

Environmental field investigation activities were reviewed, which took place between September 2023 and January 2024. Prior to field investigations taking place, the project team distributed project initiation/informational letters followed by Notice of Intent to Enter (NOITE) letters to property owners within the general design study area.

Stakeholder Feedback

Before concluding the presentation, Brian St. John revisited the meeting goal of introducing project information and draft interchange design alternatives to the SAG for their feedback. The floor was opened to the group for discussion and feedback on the information presented, the project itself, and any general thoughts.

Discussion topics offered by SAG members included considerations for traffic on surrounding roadway network(s), potential traffic disruption during project construction, and emphasis on coordination between the PTC, PennDOT District 12, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission throughout project activities.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m. Attendees were provided a boxed lunch and encouraged to continue the project discussion.