## **Project Schedule**

Construction Contract		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038
<b>SR 130 Interchange</b> Penn Township																	
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## **Providing Feedback**

Public Comment Forms are available at the sign-in table and at the Public Engagement station. While it is preferred that the comment forms are completed and placed in a drop-off box at the sign-in table before leaving the meeting, the form can also be completed after the meeting and returned electronically or by the US Postal Service as noted below. All comment forms should be returned by no later than December 3, 2024.



### Email

Scan and email your completed form from the meeting and send it to mmmellinger@mccormicktaylor.com

### Online

Submit your comments or concerns via the online comment form on the project website: https://www.paturnpike.com/traveling/ construction/site/sr130-interchange

### **US Postal Service**

Mail your completed form to: Mohammad Mohammad, Sr. Engineer Project Manager Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission c/o Mario Mellinger 5 Capital Drive, Suite 400 Harrisburg, PA 17911

## We hope to hear from you!

### **Ouestions**

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# **Open House Public Plans Display**

State Route 130 Interchange Project Westmoreland County November 19, 2024

## **Welcome and Thank You for Attending**

Thank you for attending tonight's Open House Plans Display to learn more about the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) State Route (SR) 130 Interchange project in Penn Township, Westmoreland County. The PTC appreciates the investment of your time and input on this important transportation improvement project.

Tonight's Open House Plans Display is intended to provide you with the opportunity to review the detailed preliminary engineering design plans for the proposed new interchange project. Meeting attendees are encouraged to review the project display boards and interact with the project representatives from the PTC and their consultant project team members. We encourage you to:

1. Tell us about yourself.

Sign in and show us on the map where you live so we can direct you to the appropriate stations and team members to help you.

2. Learn about the project.

The Project Overview station shows the project at a glance including a rendering of how the new facility will look once completed.

- 3. Review the Interchange Design plans. the project may impact your neighborhood.
- 4. Check out the Noise Analysis display board. part of the noise analysis currently being conducted.

### 5. Talk to the Right-of-Way Team.

If your property is impacted, please take a few minutes and talk to our right-of-way specialists who will walk you through what to expect as the project progresses.

### 6. Share your comments.

Representatives of the PTC and the consultant project team for this project are available to address your questions and concerns, and to share additional project-related details as needed. Public Comment Forms are available at the sign-in table and Public Engagement station, as well as on the website in both electronic and printable formats.

## **About the Project**

The purpose of the PTC SR 130 Interchange project is to design and construct a new interchange to link the Turnpike and SR 130 and improve motorist access to and from the Turnpike in both directions. This project will also support economic development in Westmoreland and neighboring counties.

The new SR 130 Interchange will be located between the Turnpike's Irwin (Exit 67) and Pittsburgh (Exit 57) interchanges. It will also ease congestion on roadways currently used to reach the nearest points of entry to the Turnpike in the region. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2035 and conclude in summer 2038.

To stay up to date on the SR 130 Interchange project, please visit the project website: https://www.paturnpike.com/traveling/construction/site/sr130-interchange.



A series of Interchange Design Plan displays are available for your review to take a closer look at how

This display board details the Noise Sensitive Areas and Noise Monitoring Locations identified as

## **Project Highlights**

Work on the PTC SR 130 Interchange Project officially began in spring 2023. Prior to the start of environmental field views in September 2023, the PTC sent project initiation letters to area businesses, local and elected officials,

and property owners located within the general footprint of the interchange design study area. The project initiation letter explained the nature of the project and contact information for questions or concerns regarding the project.

Following that notification, the project team distributed Notice of Intent to Enter (NOITE) letters to the same list of property owners to advise that fieldwork to be performed for this project may require access to their property, and the steps to be taken to notify them in advance when access was needed.

A traffic study was performed at 31 intersections surrounding the project area. The existing intersection delay was compared to the design year (2050) no-build and build delay utilizing projected traffic volumes. The PTC is coordinating the results of this study with PennDOT Engineering District 12 to determine if additional congestion mitigation measures should be pursued.

## **Project Location Map**





## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

## How is this project being funded?

This project is funded entirely by Turnpike toll dollars, with no federal funds or state tax dollars involved.

### Will there be any detours on this project?

Local roads will remain open to traffic during construction, but will occasionally be reduced to one lane, or closed for short periods. These short-term impacts are required to facilitate the construction and ensure the safety of commuters. All traffic changes will be coordinated with the local municipalities and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Specific details regarding anticipated detours and road closures can be found on the Anticipated Detours & Road Closures display board.

### How is noise being addressed?

The Turnpike follows a structured, multi-step process to identify whether noise abatement measures can be implemented within state and federal guidelines. To date, the project team has identified Noise Sensitive Areas and conducted a Noise Monitoring Analysis. These activities inform the next step (noise modeling) but are not a basis for noise abatement decisions.

### What project activities have been conducted to date?

The activities undertaken at the start of the preliminary engineering design phase included surveys, right-of-way analysis, traffic data collection and analysis, environmental field investigations, utility coordination, permitting, interchange design concept development, and public and stakeholder outreach including the organization of a Stakeholder Advisory Group.

# I have noticed PTC construction in the area already. Is that part of this project?

Construction for the new SR 130 Interchange is expected to begin in fall 2035 and conclude in summer 2038. However, there are a number of PTC projects ongoing in and around this project footprint, and several others currently in design as the PTC continues to invest in the Penn Township and surrounding areas. To help reduce any confusion, we have developed a map of nearby PTC projects and respective schedules. This information can be found at the Project Overview station as well as on our project website.

## How are right-of-way acquisitions being approached?

Coordination with impacted property owners began in the fall of 2024. Specific details pertaining to the PTC's right-of-way acquisition process, guidance for property owners and tenants through the process, and property acquisition associated with this project are available at the Right-of-Way station staffed by PTC representatives. Additional information can be found in the Property Owners' & Tenants' Guide on the PTC's website at <u>https://www.paturnpike.com/docs/default-source/resources/traveling-resources/property-tenant-guide.pdf</u>.