

# Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) State Route 130 (SR 130) Interchange Project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting #3 Summary

Meeting Date:Thursday, June 5, 2025Time: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
Edgar Grant	Penn Township Ambulance Association
Andrew Hill	PennDOT District 12-0
Brian Hohman	Westmoreland County Municipal Authority
Barbara Jones	Protect PT
Chuck Konkus	Penn Township
Tom Lamacz	Penn Township
Joe Lapia	Manor Borough
Chuck Miller	Penn Township
John Otto	Penn Township Police
Dave Parker	PennDOT District 12-0
Mary Perez	Penn Township
Jen Ramien	Penn Township / Office of Rep. George Dunbar
Bob Regola	Regola Consulting
Bill Roberts	Penn Township
Mike Seice	Penn Township Sewage Authority
Jeremy Shaneyfelt	PennDOT District 12-0
Jeff Shula	Penn Township
Mike Tassone	Penn Township
Char Tibbitt	Office of Rep. Brian Rasel
John Trant	Strategic Solutions
Paul Wersing	Penn Township Emergency Management

# **Project Team:**

Name	Organization	
Crispin Havener	PA Turnpike Commission	
Tiffany Landis	PA Turnpike Commission	
Lauren Leipziger	PA Turnpike Commission	
Mohammad Mohammad	PA Turnpike Commission	
Lugene Keys	McCormick Taylor	
Mario Mellinger	McCormick Taylor	
Ty Murcko	McCormick Taylor	



Items Shared During Meeting: Meeting agenda, PowerPoint presentation, meeting comment form

The purpose of this meeting was to continue an effective two-way dialogue between the PTC, the project community, and key stakeholders, and provide an update to the SAG since the last meeting was in October 2024 before the Open House Plans Display (OHPD) on November 19, 2024.

The meeting was led by PTC Senior Engineer Project Manager Mohammad Mohammad, with meeting facilitation, presentation, and documentation provided by McCormick Taylor personnel. The following content reflects the key items of discussion by agenda topic.

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Mohammad welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the information that would be presented at the meeting, noting that the meeting goal was to update the group on all project activities since the November 2024 OHPD and discuss any questions or feedback from group members.

#### **New SAG Members**

It was noted that the group had added several new members since the last meeting in October 2024:

- Honorable Brian Rasel, PA House of Representatives, 56<sup>th</sup> District
- Barbara Jones, Protect PT
- Joe Lapia, Manager, Manor Borough

Representative Rasel replaced Representative Dunbar on the SAG. Representative Dunbar retired from his legislative role last year. Barbara Jones and Joe Lapia reached out to the PTC and expressed their interest individually in participating in the SAG. The PTC welcomed them to the group and provided them with a copy of the group's Standard Operating Procedures document and minutes from previous SAG meetings in advance of this meeting.

#### **Project Update**

#### **Design Overview**

Ty Murcko, P.E., McCormick Taylor Project Manager, presented a status update on the SR 130 Interchange Project design and activities that have taken place in the time since the OHPD, notably having reached the 30% design stage submittal milestone, received comments on this submittal, and have begun incorporating these comments. Ty explained that, although the overall interchange design may appear as it did at the plans presented at the OHPD, a significant amount of work has been done to implement adjustments as a result of this design review and continued local coordination.

Additionally, the project team held a Design Field View (DFV) meeting on May 5, 2025, on-site at the project location to review the project design and compile any comments for review. Other project



activities include current/upcoming coordination with PennDOT regarding the offsite traffic analysis being conducted.

#### Public Meeting Outcomes

Lugene Keys, McCormick Taylor Senior Manager, Communications Services, provided the group with a detailed review of outcomes from the November 2024 OHPD. In total, the event hosted 250 attendees and received 50 Public Comment Form submissions across all methods (electronic, physical mail), to which all were responded directly. Respondents noted being satisfied with the event and project information provided.

Common themes shown by the feedback received included concerns about traffic and congestion; property values; safety associated with rerouting traffic; noise; the addition of traffic signals; and a general clarification for the need for an interchange between Irwin and Monroeville. The project team provided each respondent with details and other resources specific to their respective questions/concerns.

## **Upcoming Field Work**

Mohammad covered the portion of the meeting specific to upcoming field work activities, which are encompassed by archaeology, aboveground historic structures, and wetlands/streams activities. It was noted that most field work for aboveground historic structures and wetlands/streams has been completed to date, while archaeology activities began in May and were currently ongoing with a target completion in June.

#### **Project Schedule**

SAG members were presented with an updated anticipated project schedule timeline, highlighting major milestones and activities from 2025 through anticipated construction start in 2034. Mohammad noted that a number of activities both specific to the SR 130 Interchange Project and other PTC projects in the project area are anticipated by 2028. This includes beginning SR 130 Interchange Project Final Design, continuing SAG coordination, and submitting final plans, specifications and estimates. This timeframe also contains anticipated construction for the MP 63.6 Tolling Gantry and Harrison City Maintenance Facility projects.

#### Stakeholder Feedback

Before concluding the presentation, Mohammad opened the floor to the group for discussion and feedback on the information presented and any other general thoughts. Discussion topics and inquiries brought forth by SAG members for dialogue included the potential for the project schedule to be moved up in the priority of the PTC's program; case studies/analyses of any PTC interchange projects in areas comparable to Penn Township; coordination between Penn Township and the Harrison City Maintenance Facility project team; and considerations for how land surplus is zoned.

Mohammad concluded the meeting by thanking the stakeholders for attending, noting that the PTC will be reaching out to schedule the next SAG meeting when appropriate.



The meeting concluded at 12 p.m. Attendees were provided light refreshments and encouraged to continue the project discussion.