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Vanguard School's Activities Center
Plans Display 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

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On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission held an open house plans display for the Total Reconstruction and Widening Project Mileposts 320-326 located between the future Route 29 Slip Ramps and the Valley Forge Interchange in Chester and Montgomery Counties, PA. The plans display was held from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm at the Vanguard School's Activities Center located at 1777 N. Valley Road, Paoli, PA. The purpose of the plans display was to convey the preliminary engineering plans developed to date.

The plans display was advertised via block advertisements in the *Daily Local News* on January 20, 25 and 27, 2009 and the week of January 22, 2009 in the *Main Line Suburban Life* and the *King of Prussia Courier*. Postcards advertising the plans display were mailed to 263 residents in the project area and members of the Design Roundtable. Additionally, the plans display was advertised on the project web site, flyers posted in the communities, press releases were issue through ReadMedia, and an E-Bulletin was issued to E-Bulletin subscribers. In addition to the PTC's advertisements mentioned above, Tredyffrin Township advertised the plans display on their township web site and their public access TV channel.

A total of 274 individuals signed the attendance sheet, including two members of the media (Fox 29 and ABC 6). Copies of the sign-in sheets are included as part of this summary. The plans display meeting format included the following:

- Overall project update
- Preliminary engineering plans for the entire corridor including proposed noise wall and storm water basin locations
- Early-action bridge replacement schedule and detour information
- Preliminary right-of-way information
- Tentative project schedule for final design and mainline construction
- Information on the public outreach initiative
- Public comment area

After meeting attendees registered and received an informational handout, comment form and Frequently Asked Questions, they were then directed to the project video. A copy of the project video can be found in the technical records for the project. Following the project video, the attendees were invited to view the preliminary engineering plans on display in the gymnasium.

The first display station included a map of the preliminary engineering plans for the entire project area including proposed noise wall locations and permanent stormwater basin locations. Other display stations were set up to convey the typical sections, bridges and detours, proposed noise wall locations, and for right-of-way information. The typical sections display illustrated the design of the existing roadways and compared them to the design of the proposed reconstructed and widened roadway. The bridges and detours station displayed the specific locations of the early action bridge projects along with the designated detour routes for each project. In addition to mapping, the noise display included the FHWA noise brochure. Members

of the project team were situated at each station to answer questions. PTC Right-of-Way representatives were available to answer questions pertaining to the property acquisition, and to distribute the Turnpike's Tenant and Property Owner's Guide that provides detail on the property acquisition process.

Question and answer sessions were held at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm for general project questions. Property specific questions were not addressed. The team encouraged residents with property specific questions to speak with engineering and right of way representatives in the gym.

Prior to leaving the meeting, attendees were invited to complete a comment form to leave with the project team.

Project team members in attendance included:

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Bill Capone
Carl Defebo
Christina Hampton
Brad Heigel
Frank Kempf
Mimi Lindelow
Dave Marshall
Carl Risoldi
Gerald Rollman
Kevin Scheurich
Don Steele
Joe Serbu
John Spicijarich
Dave Willis

Alfred Benesch, Inc.

Ed Bosack
Howard Heyer

Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney

Charlie Gibbons

HMMH, Inc.

Doug Barrett
Jim Ferguson
Cary Adkins

JPL Integrated Communications, Inc.

Jeannie Kollar
Michael Endy
Scott Harvey

KCI Technologies, Inc.

Lugene Keys
Stacey McCreary
Laura Rowe

Keystone Acquisitions, Inc.

Jim Broadbent
Jay Broadbent
Rich Fuller
John Romano

Keystone Appraisal Company

Harvey Levin

Pinto Engineering, Inc.

Rob Yanosky

STV, Inc.

Bob Guthrie
Jen Loiseau
Amin Ramli
Jared Mace
Ron Meek
Rob Schoenen
Brian Miller

Urban Engineers, Inc.

Gus Does
Mark Kinnee
Dan Leinheiser
Mike Leinheiser
Bob Long

Public Comments

A total of 61 comment forms were received. Forty nine (49) were completed and returned to the project team the night of the meeting. Twelve (12) comment forms were received by mail by the February 10, 2009 deadline.

Comment Form Results

How did you hear about this plans display?

	Number	Percent
Neighbors	18	28%
Postcard Announcement	15	23%
Not Answered	10	16%
GVA	6	9%
E-Bulletin	5	8%
Condo/Homeowners Association	5	8%
Project Website	1	2%
Tredyffrin Township	1	2%
Newspaper	1	2%
TV News	1	2%
Other	1	2%
Total	64*	100%

*Some respondents answered question with more than one answer.

Were the displays helpful?

	Number	Percent
Yes	54	87%
Not Answered	6	10%
No	1	2%
Some	1	2%
Total	62*	100%

*Some respondents answered question with more than one answer.

Were your questions answered?

	Number	Percent
Yes	37	61%
No	13	21%
Some	2	3%
Not Answered	9	15%
Total	61	100%

How would you like to receive further project information?

	Number	Percent
Newsletter	38	42%
Website	27	30%
Newspaper	11	12%
Email	3	3%
Not Answered	10	11%
TV	1	1%
Total	90*	100%

*Some respondents answered question with more than one answer.

Comments/Concerns/Questions

	Number	Percent
Stormwater	36	32%
Noise	35	31%
Property Impacts	17	15%
Other	13	11%
Design/Construction	10	9%
Not Answered	3	3%
Total	117*	100%

*Some respondents answered question with more than one answer.

Detailed Breakdown of Comments/Concerns/Questions

Stormwater – 36 Total Comments (32%)

- Use Valley Forge Park land instead of Private Property/Golf Course Property for basins – 8
- Aesthetic Treatment on the basins (fence, vegetation, landscaping) – 5
- Concerned with Mosquitoes – 4
- Use Linear infiltration trenches along Turnpike – 3
- Worried about decreasing property value with a basin next to my house – 3
- Impacts from the basins (bugs, vermin, smell) – 3
- Concerns with water backfilling property/flooding after basin is built – 2
- Location of Basin #5 – 2
- Open Space Land needed for Basin #5 – 2
- Basins Limits/Removes Access to trails – 2
- Filter out roadway grit and salt prior to dumping into watershed/stream – 1
- Handle water runoff appropriately – 1
- Artistic models of basins and swales – 1
- Concern for water runoff on Howells, Yellow Spring and Salem Way Roads – 1
- Use Plaza property for Basin (empty parking lot) – 1

Noise – 35 Total Comments (31%)

- Concerned with Breaks in Noise Wall – 6
- PTC needs to commit to building Noise walls – 4
- Questions on Noise Modeling and Testing – 4

Noise Wall at Plaza, move closer to plaza – 3
Height of Barrier – 3
Noise Walls are too close to homes, move closer to road – 2
PTC Commit to Noise Absorptive Walls – 2
Lack of Noise walls on North side of Turnpike – 2
Noise Wall to continue further West to Basin #4 – 2
Why was the Noise Wall at Valley Forge Road moved back – 2
How will Noise Meeting be Advertised – 1
When will Noise walls be approved and final – 1
There needs to be Noise barrier on the North side of the Turnpike for Valley Forge – 1
Hawkweed and Larkspur Road Noise walls please move closer to road – 1
Aesthetic Treatment on the Noise walls – 1

Property Impacts – 17 Comments (15%)

Impact to Residents – 16
Upset that team did not answer questions regarding displacements during Q&A Session – 1

Design/Construction – 10 Comments (9%)

Please do not remove existing trees or vegetation as much as possible during construction – 3
Plans for tree plants after construction in Valley Forge Park – 2
Detours of Glen Hardie and Thomas Roads (not at same time) – 2
Aesthetic Treatment on the bridges – 1
Concerned about Wilson Road pedestrian access during construction – 1
Concerns with detours going through Valley Forge Park – 1

Other – 13 Comments (11%)

Get creative with design - 4
People should not hear about the PTC acquiring property at meeting – 2
Good job managing stormwater and Noise on the project – 2
Bodine Road Construction – 1
Wants statistics of acreage needed for project – 1
Add me to the mailing list – 1
Where can I view the plans – 1
How will noise meeting be communicated – 1