

ROUTE 6N RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, ERIE COUNTY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the replacement of the railroad bridge that carries Canadian National/Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad over Route 6N (Route 3006) in Springfield Township, Erie County.

The project will include replacing the existing railroad bridge, widening of the roadway, increasing vertical and horizontal clearances, pipe and channel realignment, and updated guiderail and pavement markings.

The existing bridge was built in 1930 and is rated in poor condition. Six trains a day (three daytime and three nighttime) use the bridge. Approximately 2,300 vehicles a day use the roadway, on average, with 5% truck traffic.

PROJECT AREA

The project is located on Route 3006 (US 6N) between the intersection with Old Albion Road and the intersection with Sanford Road near the Ohio and PA border, just south of Interstate 90.

PROPOSED PLAN

The plan includes replacing the existing single-span concrete encased rolled steel I-beam railroad bridge with a single-span steel multi-girder bridge.

It also includes a new widened roadway under the bridge. The existing roadway consists of two lanes that vary from 9 feet, 5 inches to 15 feet and shoulders that vary from zero to 8 feet. The proposed roadway will consist of 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders that taper into the existing lane and shoulder width at the beginning and end of the project.

The profile of the roadway will be lowered approximately 1 foot in conjunction with raising the railroad profile approximately 1 foot to provide the required vertical clearance of 16 feet, 6 inches under the bridge.

Work will also include pipe and channel realignment and updated guide rail and pavement markings.

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

The project is estimated to cost of \$6 to \$7 million with 100% state funds.

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

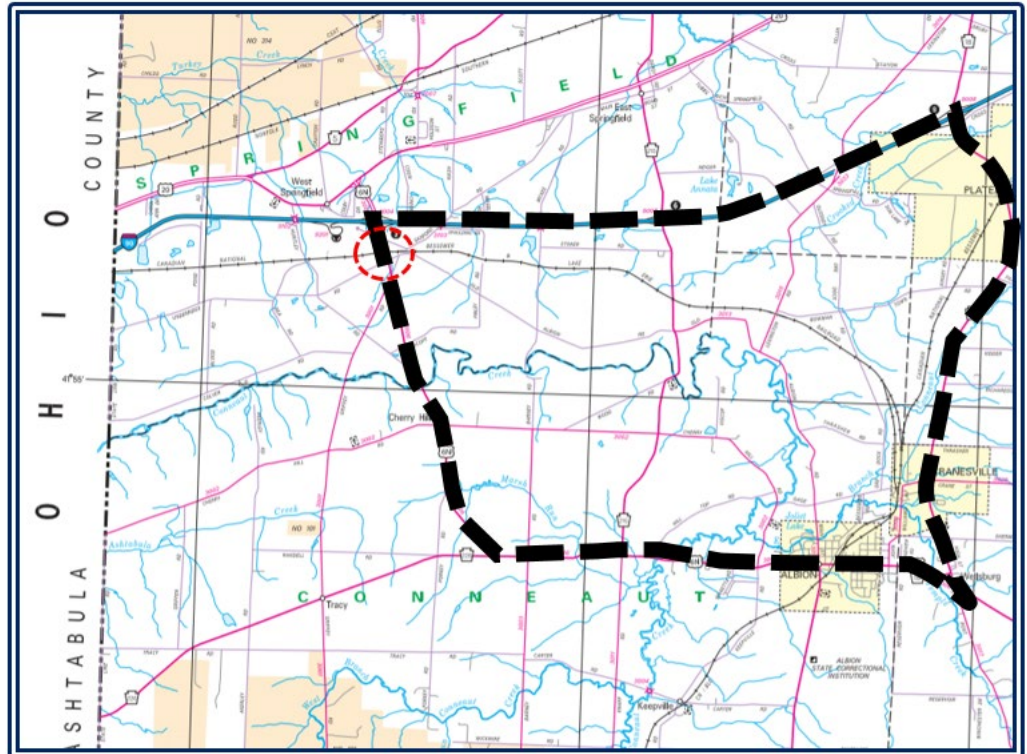
Work is expected to occur during the 2027 construction season.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

The roadway will be closed for approximately 9 months during construction for bridge demolition, roadway reconstruction, and bridge erection.

The proposed 21-mile detour route will be posted using US 6N, Route 18, and Interstate 90

The railroad will be maintained with a temporary shoofly rail line to provide a runaround during construction.



RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS

No permanent Required Right-of-way is anticipated. Temporary Construction, Drainage, and Slope Easements are required in all four project quadrants.

CURRENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of the public comment period is to introduce the project and receive input regarding any questions or concerns with the project. It is also an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the project's potential effect upon Cultural Resources pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's 36 CFR Part 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested.

Comments and questions can be submitted to PennDOT Project Manager Jeanette Uhl, at juhl@pa.gov, 814-678-7084, or 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301. An online comment form for the US 6N Bridge Replacement is also available at www.penndot.pa.gov/District1.