

I-80 CANOE CREEK BRIDGES PROJECT

Environmental Assessment – Notice of Availability for Review and Comment

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have issued this Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges Project in Clarion County. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the EA during a public comment period **beginning at noon on April 19, 2022, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2022**. Formal public testimony will be received during an in-person Public Hearing scheduled for May 4, 2022. Comments can also be provided through other methods listed below.

Copies of the EA are available for review online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i80CanoeCreek and at the following locations:

Knox Public Library

305 N. Main St.
Knox, PA 16232

Knox Borough Building

620 S. Main St.
Knox, PA 16232

Beaver Township Building

121 Tippecanoe Road
Knox, PA 16232

PennDOT District 10

2550 Oakland Ave.
Indiana, PA 15701

FHWA Pa. Division

228 Walnut St., Room 508
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Additional project information is available online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i80CanoeCreek and will be presented at the in-person **Public Hearing scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 4, 2022, at Wolf's Den Banquet & Conference Facility, 291 Timberwolf Run in Knox**. An open house display on the project will begin at 3:30 p.m. with public testimony starting at 4:30 p.m.

The public has numerous options to provide comments on the EA between now and May 19:

- Testimony will be received at the in-person hearing before an audience with a stenographer. Those providing testimony are asked to register in advance at www.penndot.pa.gov/i80CanoeCreek or by calling 814-201-9939. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes per participant and the number of slots will depend on available time.
- Individuals may provide testimony privately in a separate hearing room with a stenographer.
- Written comments may be brought to the in-person hearing, completed at the event and deposited in a comment box, or mailed to: PennDOT District 10, Attn: I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges Project, 2550 Oakland Avenue, Indiana, PA 15701-3388.
- Comments may be emailed to i80CanoeCreek@pa.gov.
- The public may provide comments through the form available online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i80CanoeCreek.
- Comment forms will be provided at the in-person Public Hearing and at locations where the EA is available for review.

All testimony and comments submitted by the May 19 deadline will receive equal consideration regardless of the method of submission.

Anyone requiring additional information or special assistance to participate in the hearing or public comment process should reach out via the project email at i80CanoeCreek@pa.gov or hotline number, 814-201-9939, to coordinate arrangements.

If you would like to request translation services, please reach out via the project email at i80CanoeCreek@pa.gov or hotline number, 814-201-9939.

Si usted desea solicitar servicios de traducción, por favor contacte al correo electrónico del proyecto i80CanoeCreek@pa.gov o llame a la línea directa del proyecto 814-201-9939.

The I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges, which cross over Canoe Creek and SR 4005 (Tippecanoe Road) in Beaver Township, Clarion County, were built in 1966. Recent inspections show the westbound bridge is in poor condition, and the eastbound bridge is in fair condition. The purpose of this project is to provide a safe and reliable crossing of I-80 over Tippecanoe Road and Canoe Creek. The proposed project involves replacing the existing structures and updating the roadway within the project limits to meet current design standards and improve safety along the corridor, as well as diversion route improvements.

The I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges Project is a candidate for bridge tolling through the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership Initiative, as part of the PennDOT Pathways Program. The Pathways program seeks to identify potential alternative funding solutions for transportation in the state. Under the initiative, tolls collected would be used for the replacement bridges' construction, maintenance and operation. Traffic would only be tolled eastbound at this location.