

I-80 NORTH FORK 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 North Fork Bridges Project in Jefferson 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 18, 2022, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2022**. Formal public testimony will be received during an in-person Public Hearing scheduled for May 3, 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/i80NorthFork and at the following locations:

**Rebecca M. Arthurs
Memorial Library**
223 Valley St.
Brookville, PA 15825

Brookville Borough Complex
18 Western Ave., Suite A
Brookville, PA 15825

**Pine Creek Township
Building**
1581 Kerner Road
Brookville, PA 15825

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/i80NorthFork and will be presented at the in-person **Public Hearing scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 3, 2022, at Chateau d'Argy, 345 Main St. in Brookville**. 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 18:

- 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/i80NorthFork or by calling 814-796-5009. 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 North Fork Bridges Project, 2550 Oakland Avenue, Indiana, PA 15701-3388.
- Comments may be emailed to i80NorthFork@pa.gov.
- The public may provide comments through the form available online at www.penndot.pa.gov/i80NorthFork.
- 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 18 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 can reach out via the project email at i80NorthFork@pa.gov or hotline number, 814-796-5009, to coordinate arrangements.

Those who would like to request translation services can reach out via the project email at i80NorthFork@pa.gov or hotline number, 814-796-5009.

Si usted desea solicitar servicios de traducción, por favor contacte al correo electrónico del proyecto i80NorthFork@pa.gov o llame a la línea directa del proyecto 814-796-5009.

The I-80 North Fork Bridges, which cross over the North Fork Redbank Creek and Water Plant Road in Brookville Borough and Pine Creek Township in Jefferson County, were built in 1962 and most recently rehabilitated in 2013. The eastbound bridge is in poor condition and the westbound bridge is in fair condition. Both bridges are reaching the end of their serviceable lifespan. The project includes the replacement and realignment of the North Fork Bridges on I-80, as well as the replacement of the dual I-80 bridges over Jenks Street and the Richardsville Road bridges over I-80, and other improvements, including to diversion routes.

The I-80 North Fork 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 westbound at this location.