

November 2024

Virtual Public Meeting Q and A Record

For the SR 1002 (Skinners Falls Road) over Delaware River,

Skinners Falls Bridge

Emergency Bridge Removal

Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania

Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York



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- Considering it is November and no bids are out, how realistic is it to think this will happen before the spring?
- Thank you. This has been very helpful. Please keep the process moving towards restoration
- How many people are on this meeting please?
- so how is the americans BRIDGE CO. ENGAGED TO DO THIS
- in that case why can't we see the bid documents
- why wasn't there a out bid process for this project
- Where is the log jam (pun intended) in the funding?
- What about doing new bridge bottom and old top added
- The center pier must be rehabilitated and preserved in keeping with the integrity of the original design construction
- What if funding never happens? Who requests the funding? Has the funding been requested?
- Is there an estimated cost for removal? Estimated ballpark for bridge rehab (single millions) (tens of millions)?
- what about federal funds for this project? How much there
- The existing center pier is an existing and historic obstruction. It makes no sense to remove it and indicates an insensitivity to preservation. How is this a defensible action? It portends little interest in rehabilitation.
- Is funding in the STIP spreadsheet in hand? and who in charge of that money?
- What is required for the nepa process to move forward?
- Removing the center stone pier is a "redesign" which would mean stronger spans to support the load. Is this correct?
- will there be a comment response document?
- But it does not allow in person protest.
- given that all options for repair require dismantling, why hasn't any progress been made regarding the options? Is there any timeline?
- One issue with online meetings hosted in this way is that the presenters are able to control which questions they answer. It would be preferable that the meeting use a more interactive medium.
- You can always live stream a meeting, and record it
- Don't you think all of this wasted time could have prevented this erosion. Four years of studies and no action is partly responsible
- what is being taken down and what is being left?
- Would the Nov. 25 meeting be in-person and on the PA or NY side?

- It seems to me that repairs at this stage would be much more immediate , therefor much safer for residents, and cause much less upset to the natural environment than a complete diassessembly
- Thank you for meeting with us
- What is the chance that the bridge will be replaced?
- ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTATION ON THE STIP spread sheet, the bridge is referred to as a restoration project. Why is there DISCUSSION OF anything other than restoration
- How is it possible that the bridge is inspected every 6 months and, suddenly, there is complete failure that is identified last month
- Please ANSWER the questions ABOUT THE BID DOCUMENTS.
- I requested a copy of the inspection report so I could read it before this meeting - but this was not sent to me. We need transparency around the specific details of the damage which renders the disassembly necessary. Please can this detail be posted immediately on PennDOT website
- The draft agreement and the dis-assembly plan, ARE THESE ONE OR TWO DOCUMENTS? And where are they?
- Thank you for following up with American Bridge Company
- Thank you. This has been the most transparent sharing of critical data to date.
- the options for the bridge - repair, restoration or reconstruction, etc has been presented a while back; has this evaluation progressed at all?
- Have consultants looked at temporary shoring and bracing options? So as to avoid disassembly?
- We have to have bid documents before they are put out to bid.
- Where are the bridge inspection documents
- When can a replacement bridge be constructed. It's been 4 years. Even if temporary
- WHAT ARE TTHE QUALIFICtions of the people doing the storage
- Section 106 notice says thsat this plan was to nbe avILABLE for this meeting but it isn't. when will it be?
- How often will the bridge be inspected in storage and reports made public on its condition?
- Before the emergency inspection in August, when was the bridge last inspected? Is this bridge inspected annually? What were the ratings of the substructure and superstructure at the last regular inspection?
- This appears to be a lengthy process with possible manufacturing of compromised structural elements that may require shutting down river traffic. How would this be managed?
- Is there a detailed report which evaluates how the bridge being taken down will not destroy it beyond the possibility of repair?
- Why has the process taken this long to require emergency action?

- Rich Roman said in a Radio Catskill interview that the existing parts would be potentially used elsewhere, not at this site. Why bother with the corrosion?
- What is the percentage rate that it will be rebuilt?
- What is the cost for the dismantling and storage?
- You have not listed the Milton Skinner House as an affected property
- Where is the staging area adjacent to the bridge during the process?
- Given the bridge has been closed to traffic for 5 years with seemingly little impact - can the bridge be brought back as a footbridge?
- The community in the area of the bridge, on both the NY side and the PA side, wanted the bridge to be fixed, then maintained. We did not want it expanded, just restored to its original size and it's weight allowance. Why is it being torn down, instead of repaired.
- HAS PennDOT consulted with engineers at the American Bridge Company?

From Email:

- What is NEPA pathway that PennDOT is using for this dismantle action?