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Project Milestones

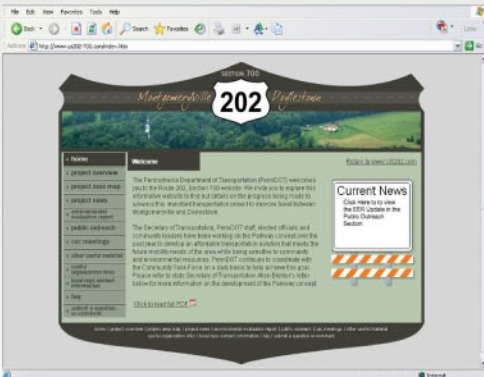
PennDOT's US 202 Parkway Project Team recently reached several project milestones in its continuing effort to move the project through the final engineering phase and into construction in spring 2008. These milestones included:

- **Environmental Evaluation Report (EER) Approval** - The US 202, Section 700 EER was approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 16, 2007. The EER documented the environmental impacts and transportation alternatives under study between Montgomeryville and Doylestown. PennDOT recommended the Parkway to relieve traffic congestion and improve capacity and safety between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 611. The EER described the project's background and the changing conditions and needs which called for a new approach to project planning and design. It also illustrated how the Parkway design compares with other improvement alternatives; gave details on the benefits, impacts, and mitigation plan; and provided information on how environmental review agencies and the public were involved in the planning process, as well as summarizing their views and concerns. Finally, the EER outlined the next steps in advancing the project.
- **Submission of Permit Applications to Resource Agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Montgomery County Conservation District (MCCD))** - PennDOT is required to obtain federal (ACOE) and state (DEP) authorization to work and place fill in navigable waters of the United States and for water obstructions and encroachments to the flood plain and/or the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and Commonwealth, including wetlands. State (DEP) and county (MCCD) approvals authorize the control, management, and discharge of storm water from construction activity as well as the control of soil erosion and sedimentation pollution.
- **US 202 Designation for the Parkway and Inclusion to the National Highway System** - On May 8, 2007, PennDOT made a presentation to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) regarding Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Criteria and Process for Revision to the National Highway System (NHS), which includes US 202. Concurrently, PennDOT submitted an application to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requesting the relocation of the US 202 designation from its current route to the Parkway. Both requests were approved.
- **Two Noise Study Updates for Section 701 in June 2007** - A pair of meetings were held to inform citizens of how the project noise study was performed; its results; and to review how other design components affect noise and aesthetics, such as earth berms and landscaping. Future meetings regarding noise are planned for Sections 711 and 721 in Montgomery County and Bucks County.

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Website



Updates were recently made to the US 202, Section 700 Project website to provide additional information on the Parkway design and to make it easier for visitors to navigate the site. The updates include a new organization of topics and documents, including Project News, Environmental Evaluation Report and CAC Meetings. We are continually updating the Parkway map as engineering design progresses, including the trail location and access points, berms and right-of-way lines. To view the updated website, you may need to delete browser history or 'refresh' the web pages. New items are being added all the time, so please check back often! If you have any questions about the project or the website, you can contact the project team under the "Submit a Question or Comment" page.