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Design Plans On Public Display for Two Cumberland County Bridge Replacement Projects

Route 34 Bridge over Hunters Run and Route 233 Bridge over Toms Run to be replaced as part of Public-Private Partnership

(Harrisburg, PA) – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Rapid Bridge Replacement Project will begin soon in Cumberland County. A total of 10 Cumberland County PennDOT bridges are due for replacement under the project, all of which are scheduled for construction in 2017. The project contractor, Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) invites the public to review Public Plans Displays and comment on the impacts for the following projects at the specified locations:

BRIDGES: Carlisle Road (PA Route 34) over Hunters Run (JV-237) in South Middleton Township and Centerville Road (PA Route 233) over Toms Run (JV-238) in Cooke Township

WHERE: Pine Grove Furnace State Park Office: Iron Masters House; 1100 Pine Grove Rd, Gardners, PA 17324; Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM.

Michaux State Forest Office: 10099 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA 17222; Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM.

WHEN: Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 25, 2016

Federal and state laws, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, govern the use of publicly owned parks and recreation areas impacted by federally funded or administered construction project actions. The section of Michaux State Forest and Pine Grove Furnace land adjacent to the PA 233 Toms Run bridge (JV-238) in Cooke Township, in addition to a section of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail adjacent to the PA 34 Hunters Run bridge (JV-237) in South Middleton Township, all fall under this designation.

The Public-Private Partnership believes the impact is De Minimis (minimal) because bridge replacement construction will result in temporary occupation and permanent acquisition of a small amount of recreational property, respectively. Furthermore, it appears that the actions will not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the respective properties for protection under Section 4(f) guidelines. PA DCNR, which holds jurisdiction over the state forest and state park, and the Secretary of the Interior which holds jurisdiction over the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, are also being consulted.

The bridge replacements are part of the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, a Public-Private Partnership (P3) between PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) under which PWKP will finance,

design, replace and maintain the bridges for 25 years. The P3 approach will allow PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impact on motorists.

To see the bridges included in the statewide initiative and to learn more about the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project and P3 in Pennsylvania, visit www.P3forPA.pa.gov. Additional information on the project, the team and how to bid on the project can be found at www.PARapidBridges.com.

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