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Commissioners Urge Residents to Speak Out on I-81 Improvement Strategy

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Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners today encouraged all Cumberland County residents to provide recommendations for the I-81 Improvement Strategy online through the [on-demand public comment](#) website until Friday, January 14.

“The county has pushed for improvements on the I-81 corridor for years,” said Cumberland County Commissioner Jean Foschi. “The board of commissioners is urging residents to comment on the study because they have a vested interest in the access and development, congestion and traffic operations and infrastructure conditions. We need our residents’ input to help make I-81 a safe, functioning, and viable roadway, for years to come.”

The strategy survey is commissioned by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), in which Cumberland County is a member, Franklin and Lebanon Counties, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Residents can provide input on the following key concepts for the I-81 Improvements:

Greater Carlisle

- Improvements to address mobility and safety from Exit 44 (PA 465 Allen Rd) to Exit 49 (PA 641 York St)
- Mobility and safety improvements at Exit 52 (US 11 Middlesex/New Kingston)
- Additional possibilities for a I-81 to PA Turnpike Connection

Greater Chambersburg

- Enhancing ramp signage and pavement surfaces at Exit 14 (PA 316 Wayne Ave)
- Near/Mid/Long Term mobility improvements at Exit 16 (US 30 Lincoln Way)

Greater Harrisburg

- Enhancing ramp signage and pavement surfaces at Exit 67 (US 22/322)

- Mobility improvements between Exit 69 (Progress Ave) and Exit 72 (Linglestown/Paxtonia)
- Safety Improvements at Exit 72 (Linglestown/Paxtonia)

The study, which began in the fall of 2019, is in Phase 2 which includes the ability for residents to comment on the proposed plan for the I-81 corridor. The I-81 Improvement Strategy will serve as a playbook for setting priorities and funding future projects as resources become available through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Residents can provide input at www.i81southcentralpa.com.

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