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County Commissioners Urge Residents to Voice Their Opinion to I-83 Tolling

Comment online or in-person at the Public Hearing Wednesday, May 25 at the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today urged residents to voice their opinion to The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) project that will result in the tolling of the I-83 South (John Harris Memorial) Bridge.

Residents are asked to attend PennDOT's in person [public hearing](#) on Wednesday, May 25 at the Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, or the event on Thursday, May 26, from 3:30 -7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Harrisburg East, 3943 Tecport Drive, Harrisburg. Also, from now until June 9, residents can comment at penndot.gov/I83SouthBridge.

The Board signed a resolution in January strongly opposing the project and agreed that the move to toll the road would prove catastrophic to residents, businesses and local roadways in Cumberland County, and the increased traffic by those avoiding tolls, which will result in overflow to state, local and municipal roadways on the West Shore, already overburdened by vehicle congestion.

“This project will have a major impact on Cumberland County residents in the surrounding communities, and they will incur an additional cost to traverse the I-83 South Bridge,” said Cumberland County Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. “The West Shore area will be overburdened by increasing traffic backlogs, travel delays and congestion.”

Tolling I-83 South Bridge will also have an impact on the West Shore area businesses that serve as the foundation of the regional economy.

“Businesses will be disproportionately and negatively impacted by placing a toll on the I-83 South Bridge by causing them to pay tolls multiple times each week; estimated by one local business to result in a financial impact of several thousands of dollars per year if current travel routes are maintained after the project is implemented,” said Commissioner Jean Foschi.

To accommodate the high levels of traffic created by diverted vehicles, major changes to streets, modifications to intersection configurations and traffic signal modifications will be required.

“Traffic avoiding tolls on the South Bridge will travel on already congested roadways, and will impair first responders and emergency service,” said Commissioner Vince DiFilippo. “The limited access will create transportation delays to hospitals and impede lifesaving assistance to persons in need which will impair efforts to protect public health, safety and welfare.”

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