

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. QUESTION: What is the purpose of the project? Why is the project needed?

ANSWER: The purpose of the project is to improve safety and reduce delays at the N. 7th Street (SR 0343)/Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road (T-805/T-487) intersection. The project is needed to address safety concerns at the N. 7th Street (SR 0343)/Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road due to poor visibility at the intersection due to existing features. Additionally, the road will be resurfaced starting from north of Reinoehl Street in the City of Lebanon for about 80 feet before crossing into North Lebanon Township. Within North Lebanon Township, the resurfacing continues approximately 2.18 miles until the border of Swatara Township near the intersection with Heffelfinger Road. The resurfacing continues for about 350 feet into Swatara Township to the end of the project.

2. QUESTION: What type of improvements are anticipated?

ANSWER: Work is anticipated to include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of N. 7th Street (SR 0343)/Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road. The work will include full depth reconstruction, pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements, filling of roadway foreslopes in the southern quadrants of the intersection, and updated signing and pavement markings.

3. QUESTION: When is construction expected to start and how long will it take?

ANSWER: Based on the time required to complete environmental studies, engineering design, right-of-way acquisitions, utility relocations, permitting, and pending the availability of funding, construction is currently anticipated to begin in 2027. The construction duration may vary and will take approximately 1 year to complete depending on the contractor's final schedule.

4. QUESTION: What is the estimated project cost?

ANSWER: The estimated construction cost is approximately \$5.4 million. The estimate will be further refined as the design progresses.

5. QUESTION: What is the project status and what are the next steps?

ANSWER: The project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase. PennDOT is also performing the required environmental studies. After environmental clearance, then final design phase, including Right-of-Way acquisitions and permitting will be completed. Utilities will be impacted by construction and relocations are being coordinated with facility owners.

6. QUESTION: Will my property be impacted by the project?

ANSWER: Right-of-Way (ROW) and Temporary Construction Easements may be required to complete the project. The areas depicted on the Improvement Plans are based on preliminary design. PennDOT will refine the area and determine the project ROW needs during the final design phase. When your property is needed, PennDOT representatives will contact you and go over the impacts in detail with you.

7. QUESTION: What will happen with traffic during construction?

ANSWER: Construction of the project is anticipated to be completed in stages. Generally, traffic will be maintained during construction on SR 0343 with detours of Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road during specific stages due to the profile adjustments required with the proposed intersection. The method of construction is anticipated to vary by stage. Refer to the proposed traffic control sequencing and proposed detour plans for additional information.

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8. QUESTION: How long will the detour(s) be in place?

ANSWER: Specific durations for the Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road detours have not been determined at this time and will be finalized as the design progresses.

9. QUESTION: Will turn lanes be provided?

ANSWER: The proposed roundabout consists of one lane that all turning movements will use. The single lane roundabout was chosen for SR 0343 based on projected traffic volumes in the design year and PennDOT engineering design standards.

10. QUESTION: Will ADA curb ramps be provided as part of the project?

ANSWER: Existing sidewalk/ADA ramps at the southern portion of the project will be reconstructed where necessary to meet standards. ADA ramps will be placed at the roundabout if the design continues with the proposed sidewalk as displayed.

11. QUESTION: How will heavy truck traffic be managed during construction?

ANSWER: Heavy truck traffic and permitted loads will be accommodated along SR 0343 during construction. Local deliveries and destination points will also be accommodated.

12. QUESTION: How will the project impact access to my business or residence?

ANSWER: The selected Contractor will be required to provide notifications and make reasonable accommodations for businesses and residents for access during construction work affecting their properties.

13. QUESTION: Who can I contact if I have a comment or question on the project?

ANSWER: Completed comment forms and general project feedback may be mailed or emailed to:

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