

Proposed Route 65 Master Plan

PennDOT, along with the Southwestern PA Commission (SPC), Allegheny County, and Beaver County, and in coordination with the Quaker Valley and Beaver County COGs, have initiated a pilot project for integrated transportation and land use planning along the Route 65 Corridor from Bellevue Borough to Rochester Borough. The efforts to date have resulted in a proposal to complete a "Route 65 Master Plan" that will address a number of issues that have been identified through a review of municipal plans and discussions with key stakeholders. These issues include:



- Establishing key goals based on municipal consensus and collecting critical baseline data (i.e. travel time, crash rates, bicycle/pedestrian activity, transit usage, etc.);
- Evaluating alternatives to address the greatest intersection needs (Sewickley Bridge, McKees Rocks Bridge, Freedom Road, etc.) and the potential for regional signal management;
- Developing an implementation strategy for regional bicycle/pedestrian facilities based on existing plans;
- Developing a corridor transit enhancement strategy to encourage transit usage through coordination with the Port Authority of Allegheny County and Beaver County Transit (transit stop safety enhancements, park & ride analysis, etc.);
- Evaluating access management issues and developing an ordinance adoption strategy and priorities for programming any necessary infrastructure improvements;
- Expanding the existing roadway enhancement strategy throughout the corridor as adopted by Edgeworth, Sewickley, and other municipalities along the corridor (i.e. lighting, gateways, banners, development standards, etc.);
- Evaluating development and redevelopment potential and potential corridor impacts; and
- Evaluating alternatives to enhance access to regional network (I-79, I-279, I-76, etc.)

Municipal Involvement:

As a municipality along the corridor, your participation in the development of the Route 65 Master Plan is strongly encouraged and is essential to its success. The stakeholders are working together to minimize any municipal financial commitments to undertake the planning effort. In return, municipalities are being

asked to work together in the development of the Master Plan and as strong partners in implementing the resulting recommendations. All municipalities along the corridor will be asked to sign a memorandum of understanding to indicate willingness to work together throughout the effort.



A local meeting to discuss the proposed Master Plan is scheduled for July 29 at the Conway Fire Hall (6:30 p.m.). Your participation in the meeting is encouraged. If you are unable to attend the meeting, any questions you may have can be directed to the Beaver County or Quaker Valley COG, Tom Klevan at SPC, Ann Ogoreuc at Allegheny County, or Frank Mancini at Beaver County.