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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**PennDOT invites you to view a Virtual Plans Display for the planned  
Gap Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project  
SR873 over Paint Mill Rd, D&L Trail, Lehigh River and NSRR  
SR873 Section 02B, Lehigh and Northampton Counties**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is presenting preliminary project plans and information for the planned Gap Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project online at:

<http://www.penndot.gov/regionaloffices/district-5/publicmeetings/lehigh-county/pages>

The project is currently in design and you will have the opportunity to review the information and provide comments.

This project involves preventative maintenance of the existing bridge structure carrying SR873 over the Lehigh River, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) Trail, Paint Mill Road, and Norfolk Southern Railroad in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. The project is located south of the intersection of SR873 & SR248 and just north of the intersection of Mountain Road & SR873.

The existing structure, known as the Gap Bridge, was constructed in 1930 and is comprised of seven (7) spans with a total structure length of 1,024 feet. Spans 1 & 7 are single span built-up riveted steel thru girders. The main spans, 2 through 6, are simply supported steel deck trusses. An independent pedestrian structure carries a 4'-0" wide protected sidewalk which serves the Appalachian Trail.

Planned structure work includes bridge cleaning, structural steel repairs, bearing repairs, painting, expansion joint replacement, concrete deck repairs, and placement of a deck overlay. Approach roadway work will be limited to milling and paving.

Northbound traffic will be maintained across the bridge, while southbound traffic is detoured using SR248, SR145 and Main Street in Walnutport and Slatington (approximately 5 miles round trip). Full detours at night, 8PM to 6AM will be implemented during critical activities. The Appalachian Trail will remain open across the bridge during construction.

The estimated construction cost is \$5 Million with construction anticipated to begin in Spring of 2024 and last one full construction season.

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