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Progress Being Made on Rochester Road Corridor

A project long sought by both Cranberry Township leaders and the community that will bring improved traffic flow and increased pedestrian connectivity along Rochester Road is advancing.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is taking the lead in partnership with PennDOT and Cranberry Township to design improvements that would widen Rochester Road beneath the Turnpike and expand the bridge itself.

The Rochester Road portion of the project is part of a larger two-mile stretch of the Turnpike being considered for reconstruction to create additional lanes. The expansion of the narrow bridge that carries the Turnpike over Rochester Road is an important component of the project for the Township and its transportation efforts.

Though planning is in the early stages, with the Turnpike in the process of procuring design engineers, Township officials are excited to see tangible progress on this keystone infrastructure project.

“The Board of Supervisors has prioritized expanding and improving infrastructure in and around the Township, and this project on Rochester Road has been one of our top priorities for over a decade,” said Supervisor Bruce Mazzoni. “As with many of our projects, this will be a truly collaborative effort that benefits not just Cranberry Township but the traveling public on the Turnpike.”

The Board of Supervisors has worked cooperatively with the Turnpike Commission and PennDOT for many years to advance several projects, including the completion of the Freedom Road Bridge over the Turnpike in 2021. Advancement of the Turnpike/Rochester Road project continues those long and successful relationships.

Mazzoni and Supervisor John Skorupan, who live along the Rochester Road Corridor, said they understand firsthand the traffic challenges experienced by those using the road daily. This expansion will have an impact on traffic flow as it is the remaining piece to other recent projects.

“Over the last few years, we’ve seen major upgrades along Route 228 and Freedom Road, with more to come,” Skorupan said. “Combine that with the Township’s investment in transportation infrastructure and Cranberry is on the right track to making commutes easier for those living and working here.”