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## PennDOT Announces Online Plans Display for the Route 343 (N. 7th Street) Resurfacing and Intersection Improvement Project in Lebanon City, North Lebanon Township, and Swatara Township, Lebanon County

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) invites the public to an online plan display regarding the Route 343 (N. 7th Street) Resurfacing and Intersection Improvement Project in Lebanon City, North Lebanon Township, and Swatara Township, Lebanon County.

Mill and overlay work begins north of Reinoehl Street in the City of Lebanon for about 80 feet before crossing into North Lebanon Township. Within North Lebanon Township, the work continues approximately 2.18 miles until the border of Swatara Township near the intersection with Heffelfinger Road. The work continues for about 350 feet into Swatara Township to the end of project.

The project involves safety improvements at the intersection of N. 7th Street (Route 343) and Kimmerlings Road (T-805) and Kochenderfer Road (T-487). Work is anticipated to include the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Route 343 and Kimmerlings Road/Kochenderfer Road. The work will also include drainage improvements and updated signing and pavement markings. The proposed Route 343 section will be comprised of 11-foot travel lanes and existing shoulders with a minimum width of 3 feet. The proposed typical section the roundabout which includes a 45-foot central island, 15-foot truck apron, and 20-foot travel lane with a curbed gutter.

Traffic will be maintained on Route 343 during construction. Detours for Kimmerlings Road and Kochenderfer Road using local collector roadways will be implemented during specific stages of construction. Temporary Construction Easements and Right-of-Way acquisition are anticipated at this time. PennDOT will coordinate directly with impacted property owners. Utilities will be impacted by construction and relocations are being coordinated with facility owners.

The project is currently in preliminary design and construction work is currently anticipated to take place in 20027 and 2028 subject to all approvals, environmental clearances, and funding availability.

The plans display will be held online only. A digital version of the information will be available to view online until May 16, 2025.

Information, including bridge plans and an interactive comment form, can be found by visiting the PennDOT District 8 website, <u>PennDOT District 8</u>, clicking Projects Near You listed on the left side of the page, then the District 8 Projects, and choosing <u>N. 7th</u> <u>Street Resurfacing and Intersection Improvement Project</u>.

The purpose of the plans display is to introduce the project and receive public input regarding any questions or concerns with the project. It is also an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the project's potential effect upon Cultural Resources pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's 36 CFR Part 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The project documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested. If you need translation/interpretation services or have special needs or have special concerns that require individual attention, contact Adam Wright, PennDOT Project Manager, at <a href="mailto:adamwright@pa.gov">adamwright@pa.gov</a>, or 717-772-4028.

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