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## **PLANK ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BEGIN**

ALTOONA (May 9) – PENNDOT Engineering District 9 is initiating preliminary and final design work for improvements to Plank Road and the Plank Road Interchange of Interstate 99 (I-99).

The project will evaluate transportation improvements recommended in a feasibility report for the corridor along Plank Road from the Ramada (Sheraton Drive) intersection to the Toys-R-Us intersection. The corridor includes the I-99 interchange with Plank Road, Goods Lane between Plank Road and the Kaufmann's Entrance to Logan Valley Mall and Orchard Avenue between Plank Road and the entrance to the Altoona Center.

The feasibility report identified a high number of accidents due to turning traffic and rear end collisions at intersections. Additionally, traffic volumes are expected to increase with development.

Proposed improvements will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve safety. These improvements MAY include additional traffic lanes, updated signalization or a reconfigured interchange between Plank Road and I-99.

Alternatives to the existing Plank Road Interchange and nearby intersecting side streets will be developed with public input. PENNDOT's project team will first examine the existing conditions and solicit feedback on areas of concern and traffic issues at the first public meeting, planned for the summer of 2003.

The project team will develop a set of preliminary alternative solutions that will be presented at a second public meeting. Citizens will be asked to comment on each of

these preliminary alternatives and identify any additional alternatives for the project team to consider. A preferred alternative will be presented at a third public meeting.

Visit the project website, [www.plankroadinterchange.com](http://www.plankroadinterchange.com) for up to date information. A citizen can add his or her name to the project mailing list to receive meeting announcements and project newsletters on the Public Involvement page of the website.

For additional information, please contact David S. Wolfhope P.E., Project Manager at PENNDOT Engineering District 9, 1620 North Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 or (814) 696-7196.

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