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Wolf Administration Announces Completion of New Stanton Interchange to Improve Traffic Flow, Safety

New Stanton, PA – The completion of a project to consolidate two interchanges into the safer and more modern Interstate 70 New Stanton Interchange was announced today with a ribbon cutting and news conference hosted by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 12 Executive Joseph Szczur and other department officials.

“Our transportation mission is to keep people and goods moving safely and efficiently, and this project brings some of the latest industry improvements, like roundabouts, home for Pennsylvanians,” Governor Tom Wolf said. “This interchange improves travel for the public and businesses, a goal that I’m committed to across the state.”

Participants celebrated the opening of the \$53.7 million project and shared updates on the remaining I-70 projects that will enhance motorist safety.

The relocated New Stanton interchange is located 1,600 feet west of the old interchange and provides acceleration and deceleration lanes for traffic entering and exiting I-70 that meet today’s standards. The project involved reconstructing a 1.7-mile section of I-70 from a structure over Route 3014 (Hunker Waltz Mill Road) to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange.

Most of the new I-70 section includes two lanes in each direction, except for a 3,000-foot section between the Turnpike and the relocated interchange where three lanes are now provided in each direction.

The project also incorporated: roundabouts at both interchange ramp intersections and the Bair Boulevard/Rachel Drive intersection; highway lighting, context-sensitive features on the structures and interchange roundabouts; sidewalks for improved pedestrian access along Center Avenue and part of Bair Boulevard; and a park and ride lot to encourage ride sharing.

“As we maintain and upgrade our infrastructure, we continually look for opportunities to put innovative and improved practices to work,” said Szczur, who oversees the region covering Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. “This project was a huge success for many reasons, including innovative bidding which encourages bidders to pursue expedited construction. The contractor, Joseph B. Fay, bid the project with innovations that allowed the construction to complete almost one year early.”

To keep the public informed of this and other projects along the corridor during each phase, the department has used extensive public outreach via www.i-70projects.com, through public and local businesses meetings, and through a Community Partnering Committee, which included businesses, residents, emergency responders, and local officials who shared information on the

project through design and construction. The outreach also included a video illustrating both the overall project and how traffic would flow through the new traffic patterns.

As part of the event, officials also updated attendees on its efforts to increase safety and mobility on I-70 in Washington and Westmoreland counties through other I-70 projects in construction and design. These projects include I-70 from Beau Street to Eighty Four, the Bentleyville Interchange, the Centerville Interchange, the Arnold City Interchange, the Route 51 Interchange, the Route 31 Interchange, the Yukon/Madison interchanges and the Belle Vernon Bridge.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by the state transportation funding plan (Act 89), or those on the department's Four and Twelve Year Plans, visit www.projects.penndot.gov.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 850 traffic cameras.

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