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PennDOT Announces Online Plans Display for Sheepford Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project in Cumberland and York Counties

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) invites the public to an online plans display regarding the Sheepford Road (Route 7208) bicycle/pedestrian bridge rehabilitation project. This project is located over Yellow Breeches Creek in Fairview Township, York County, and Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County.

Extensive structural steel deterioration over time due to the exposure to the elements has resulted in the closure of the bridge due to safety concerns on January 29, 2020.

The scope of the project is to rehabilitate the existing structure to preserve its historic character and provide bike and pedestrian connectivity across the Yellow Breeches Creek. The rehabilitation will include full disassembly of the truss structure, restoration, railing upgrades, and installation of an ADA-compliant walking surface. Additional improvements include repairs to the existing abutments, replacement of the pavement immediately adjacent to the bridge, and installation of guide rail on the eastern approach. The project is situated in a rural area surrounded by residential properties and a public park.

Land use on the west side of the project consists predominantly of a forested floodplain. Land use on the east side of the project consists of a forested area. Yellow Breeches Park is located in the southwest quadrant of the project area.

Environmental studies completed for the project have included evaluations of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. Archaeological investigations are ongoing.

Evaluation of historic and recreational resources protected under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 include:

- the Yellow Breeches Park
- the Yellow Breeches Creek
- the existing bridge structure

During times of overhead work, boat traffic on the Yellow Breeches Creek will be asked to portage their vessels around the work area. During times of no overhead work, the waterway will remain open to boat traffic.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2024 with completion by the summer of 2024.

A digital version of the information will be available to view online through July 3, 2023.

Information, including roadway plans and an interactive comment form, can be found by visiting the PennDOT District 8 website, [PennDOT District 8](#), clicking on [Public Meetings](#) listed under the Resources heading, and choosing the [York County](#) box then the tile marked [Sheepford Road Bridge](#),

The purpose of the plans displays is to introduce the project and receive public input, questions or concerns regarding the project.

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, Marwa Said, Project Manager, at 717-783-3773, or at msaid@pa.gov.

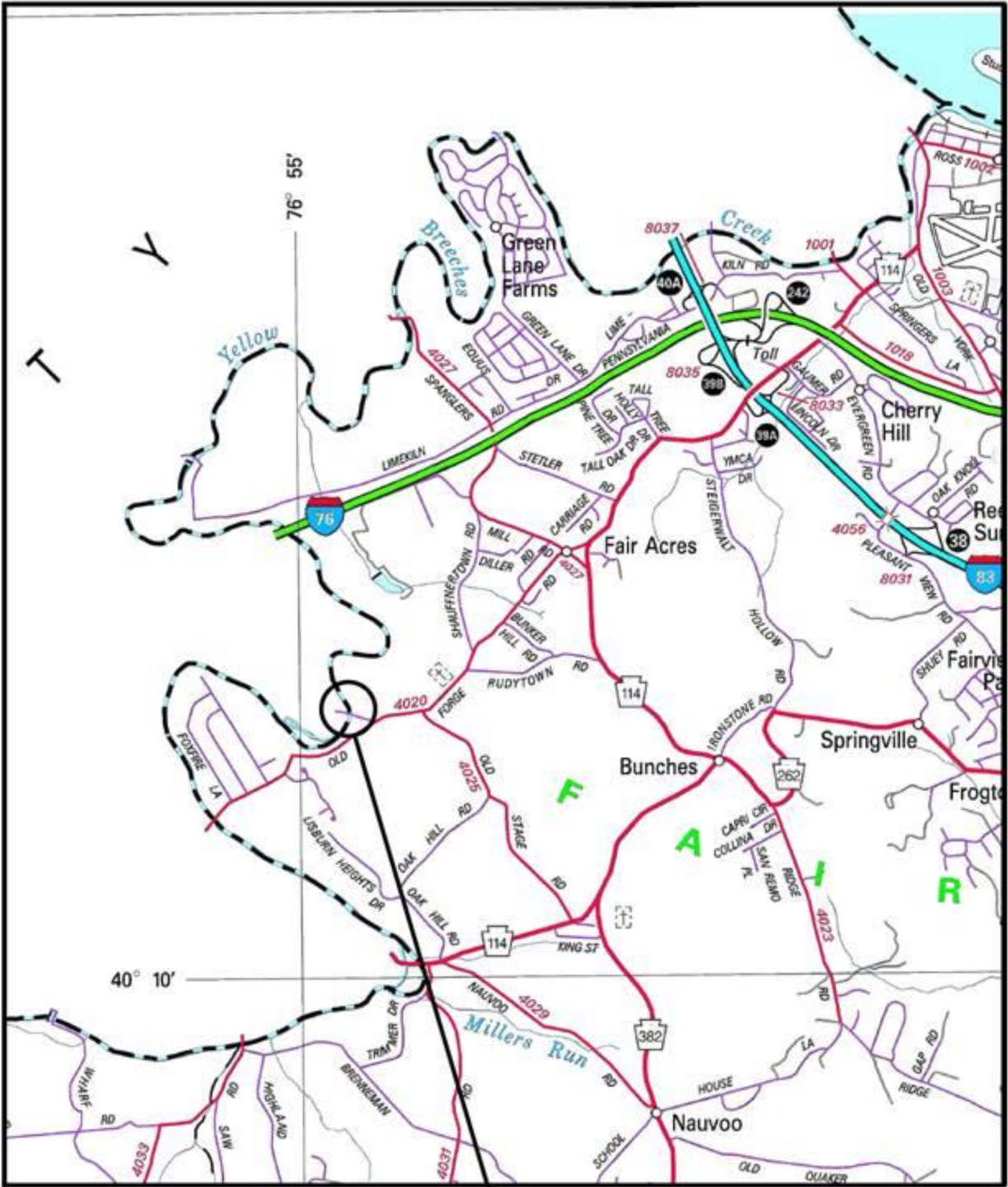
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Editor's Note: Please refer to the accompanying project location map.



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