



INTERSTATE 79 PAVING, BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS, MERCER COUNTY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

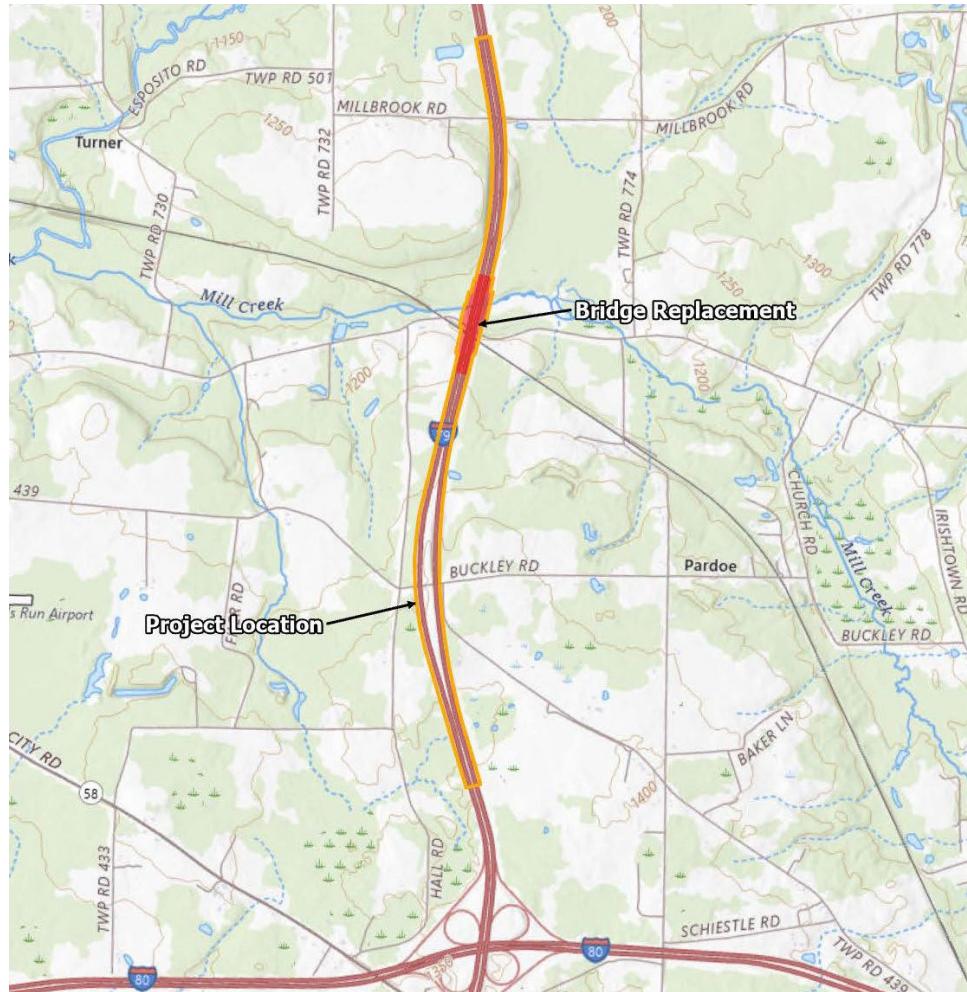
This project will include the resurfacing of Interstate 79 from approximately mile 117.3 to approximately mile 120. The project will also completely replace the existing northbound and southbound bridges over Scrubgrass Road (Route 2014), Mill Creek, and the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad tracks. The new bridges will be three-span structures with continuous steel plate girder superstructures.

PROJECT AREA

The project is located in Findley and Jackson Townships, Mercer County.

The bridges carry I-79 northbound and southbound over Scrubgrass Road (Route 2014), Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, and Mill Creek.

Milling and paving of I-79 will occur on both northbound and southbound lanes between mileposts 117.3 and 120.



ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION/STUDY SCHEDULE

Work is expected to occur during the 2027 and 2028 construction seasons.



PROPOSED PLAN

The proposed structure replacements will have three spans and include:

- Concrete bridge deck (riding surface) with concrete barriers.
- Steel beams.
- Concrete piers and abutments (supports).

The new bridges will be nearly the same overall length as the existing bridges but will have one less pier.

The roadway across each bridge will have two 12-foot lanes, one 4-foot shoulder and one 10-foot shoulder.

In addition to replacing the bridges, the I-79 roadway will be milled and paved for approximately two miles south of the bridges and one mile north of the bridges. Work will also include updating guiderail, new pavement markings, and drainage and sign improvements.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Construction will be completed using phased construction and temporary crossovers on I-79.

Traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction during bridge construction.

The northbound bridge is planned to be completed first with the southbound bridge reconstruction to follow.

Traffic on Scrubgrass Road is anticipated to be detoured during bridge construction activities, such as demolition and beam erection. The proposed 16-mile detour route will be posted using Route 58, Irishtown Road (Route 2025), and Springfield Church Road (Route 2007).

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

The project is being funded primarily through federal funds and has an estimated construction cost of \$30 to \$40 million.

CURRENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of the public comment period is to introduce the project and receive 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.

Comments and questions can be submitted to PennDOT Project Manager, Kyle Barker, at kybarker@pa.gov, 814-678-7166 or 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301. An online comment form for the Interstate 79 Project (Mercer) is available at www.pa.gov/DOTDistrict1.