



Route 518 and Mercer Avenue Safety Improvement Project, Mercer County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to provide safety improvements at the intersection of Route 518 (South Walnut Street) and Mercer Avenue (Route 3025) in Sharpsville Borough, Mercer County.

PROJECT AREA



PROPOSED PLAN

Proposed improvements at Route 518 (South Walnut Street) and Mercer Avenue (Route 3025) include replacing existing traffic signal equipment and widening Route 518 to add dedicated left turn lanes.

The project will also include radii improvements and ADA pedestrian improvements, including new pedestrian signal equipment, at all corners. Work will also include drainage upgrades, milling, paving, sign updates, and roadway paint.

Right-of-way acquisitions are anticipated.

View plans and complete the online comment form at www.pa.gov/DOTdistrict1 under View District 1 Projects.



ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION

Work is expected to occur during the 2027 construction season.

The project will be completed in two phases – first the northern side of the intersection and then the southern side.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

During Phase 1, a detour will be needed for Mercer Avenue north of the intersection. The proposed detour is under a half mile and uses Line Street and Route 518. Pedestrians will be temporarily redirected to the southern side of Route 518.

During Phase 2, a detour will be needed for Mercer Avenue south of the intersection. The proposed 2.2-mile detour route use Hazen Street (Route 3016), South Seventh Street (Route 3025) and Route 518. Pedestrians will be temporarily redirected to the northern side of Route 518.

The project plans also call for use of temporary lane restrictions with traffic controlled by flaggers.

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

The estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 and will be funded with 100% federal safety funds.

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 Mike Hunkele at mhunkele@pa.gov, 814-678-7173, or 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301. An online comment form for the Route 518 and Mercer Avenue Safety Improvement Project is also available at www.pa.gov/DOTdistrict1.

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