



Resolving Adverse Effects to Historic Properties

During the Section 106 review process, it was determined that the State College Area Connector project would result in adverse effects to several historic properties, including contributing resources within the Penns Valley & Brush Valley Rural Historic District and the Village of Tusseyville Historic District.

To address these effects, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) developed a Draft Programmatic Agreement for the project. The Draft Programmatic Agreement establishes the measures FHWA and PennDOT will implement to resolve the adverse effects.

Status of the Agreement

The Draft Programmatic Agreement was developed through consultation with agencies, Tribes and Nations, consulting parties, and the public. The agreement will be executed by FHWA, PennDOT, and PA SHPO prior to construction of the selected project alternative.

Measures in the Draft Programmatic Agreement

The Draft Programmatic Agreement includes several actions to address effects and proposed mitigation to historic properties:

- ▶ **Design Advisory Committee (DAC)** – A committee composed of agencies, consulting parties, local governments, and community representatives who will provide input on project design elements that may affect the historic landscape.
- ▶ **Context Sensitive Design** – Project design will consider landscape character, views, grading, and other elements that influence the historic rural setting.
- ▶ **Public Education Component** – PennDOT will develop educational materials interpreting the history and cultural significance of historic properties affected by the project.