Section Updates

SECTION Q20 | Construction was principally completed on schedule in Fall 2024.









SECTION V20 | Currently finalizing environmental studies and Preliminary Engineering.



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Please visit the project website for the most up-to-date information www.laurelvalleyproject.com

Sign up for the **project mailing list** on the website to get updates by email.

All information from tonight's meeting will be featured on the website during the public comment period ending **Friday, February 7, 2025**.

Project Schedule

ANTICIPATED BID LETTING Late Summer/Early Fall 2025

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION NOTICE TO PROCEED Fall 2025

OPEN TO TRAFFIC Fall 2028

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Thank you for attending the seventh Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project (LVTIP) public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the Route 981, Section Y10 project, which is set to begin construction in 2025. During this meeting, the Project Team is available at various display stations to answer questions and discuss important details about anticipated detours and construction phasing, ensuring that the community is well-prepared and informed about what to expect throughout the construction process.

Station Overview

STATION 1: REGISTRATION

Sign in to receive a four-page informational handout and a comment form. and proceed to the other stations. The comment form is also available online. Scan the QR code below and complete it as you review the other information.

STATION 2: THE LAUREL VALLEY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Review display boards summarizing the project sections and highlighting work completed to date.

STATION 3: SECTION Y10 OVERVIEW Explore information about ke

Explore information about key features of the Section Y10 Final Design alignment and roundabout locations at this station.

STATION 4: PROPOSED SECTION Y10 CONSTRUCTION

Review summaries of by Friday, February 7, 2 the proposed construction phasing and related traffic detours for Section Y10 at SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE

STATION 5: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TO DATE

Discover public involvement activities to date and complete a comment form. Submit your feedback on-site, by mail to McCormick Taylor, or through the online form on the project website. Ensure all completed comment forms are submitted by Friday, February 7, 2025.



Key Features of SR 981 Section Y10

Section Y10 LVTIP will address sight distance issues and improve curves and grades throughout the project area. Three roundabouts will replace traditional intersections to better manage the flow of traffic through the area and provides increased safety at the intersection. Route 981 will be widened to 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders.

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The two-way stop controlled intersection with Route 130/Route 2023 (Bell Memorial Church Road) will be reconstructed as a four-approach roundabout.

HILIPS RD

Construction Overview

HILLS CHURCHES RD

- Section Y10 extends for three miles along Hill Churches Road/Bell Memorial Church Road (Route 2023), from Bingham Road, through Westmoreland Airpark, to Route 981 at Airport Road.
- Construction for Section Y10 will occur over three seasons from late Summer 2025 to Fall 2028, divided into four phases.
- Some phases may overlap; PennDOT will coordinate with the community to manage closures and maintain traffic flow.
- The contractor may adjust construction phases as necessary.

SR 981-Y10 STAGED CONSTRUCTION FOUR PROPOSED PRIMARY PHASES:

- South of Route 130: Between Bingham Road and Route 130.
- North of Route 130: Between Route 130 and Green Street.
- Northern Route 981 Tie-in: Work within Airport Industrial Park and construction of new SR 981/Airport Road Roundabout.
- New Route 981 Alignment: Between Route 2023/Green Street and new Route 981 alignment at Airpark.

NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEM

A new drainage conveyance system will be constructed along SR 981 throughout the project area utilizing new inlets, piping, two box culverts, ditches, and defined outlet locations.

\prime airport road roundabout

A new four-approach roundabout intersection will be constructed at existing Bayhill Road and Route 981. Existing Airport Road will be relocated to become the fourth leg of the roundabout. This future intersection and Route 981 roadway northbound towards Route 30 will match the previously reconstructed Route 981 roadway adjacent to the airport.

BELL MEMORIAL CHURCH ROAD ROUNDABOUT

BELL MEMORIAL CHURCH RD

A new three-approach roundabout intersection will be constructed at existing Bell Memorial Church Road, the new Route 981 alignment, and relocated Bell Memorial Church Road near Green Street. Stormwater management features will be constructed to manage the flow rates and water quality associated with the roadway runoff.



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NEW ROUTE 981 ALIGNMENT

A new Route 981 roadway alignment will be constructed at the Westmoreland Airpark to make the connection from existing Bell Memorial Church Road, south of Green Street, to Route 981 adjacent to the airport. New exclusive left turn lanes will be added to the new Route 981 roadway to provide access to Bingham Road and Lentz Road.



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