

FFY 2021-2024

Southern Alleghenies RPO

Public Involvement Summary

Initial FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Outreach Sessions

An initial public involvement effort for the Southern Alleghenies RPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) took place in September of 2018. A brief presentation summarizing the TIP process and requesting input on project needs and prioritization was given. Attendees were then provided the opportunity to provide input on the formation of the Plan. SAP&DC also offered to make accommodations if special assistance was required to attend a hearing. The flyer advertising the events and the attendance sheets are included in this summary after the comments.

Eight public hearings to discuss potential projects for the FFY 2021-2024 TIP were held in the following locations:

- September 4, 2018 @ 12:00 PM, Alexandria Fire Hall, Alexandria, PA
- September 4, 2018 @ 5:30 PM, Community Bank of Orbisonia, Orbisonia, PA
- September 13, 2018 @ 5:00 PM, Windber Borough Office, Windber, PA
- September 17, 2018 @ 2:00 PM, Hyndman Senior Center, Hyndman, PA
- September 20, 2018 @ 5:00 PM, Warfordsburg Senior Center, Warfordsburg, PA
- September 25, 2018 @ 3:00 PM, Berlin Borough Office, Berlin, PA
- September 26, 2018 @ 2:00 PM, Fulton County Planning Commission, McConnellsburg, PA
- September 26, 2018 @ 5:30 PM, Everett Area High School, Everett, PA

The following is a summary of all comments received during the initial public comment period:

Comments Received During Public Hearings

Alexandria Borough, Huntingdon County – September 4, 2018 12:00 PM

Feedback

- PennDOT Connects presentation by Anne Stich from District 9-0.
 - Background on collaboration and coordination process.
 - Provided examples of types of projects that can be identified and completed in coordination with other planned transportation improvements.
- Michelle Ivory asked about Route 22 Corridor Study – All identified improvements have been completed or are already programmed.
- Comment about potential funding for operation of a fixed-route shared ride service in the county. Discussion about what opportunities are out there and any potential for future partnerships with Bedford-Fulton-Huntingdon Area Agency on Aging.
- Mike Keating mentioned the need for expanded passenger rail in Huntingdon County.



- Comment was made about the need for a bus service in Huntingdon County, as transportation to State College is in demand.
- Pam Grogan commented that infrastructure improvements are needed to enhance bike/ped transportation opportunities, not necessarily for recreation, but necessity.
- Huntingdon Borough Council was not opposed to the proposed bike lane project on Mifflin Street in Huntingdon.

Orbisonia Borough, Huntingdon County – September 4, 2018 5:30 PM

Feedback

- PennDOT Connects presentation by Anne Stich from District 9-0.
- Comments and identification of transportation needs in Huntingdon County.
 - Bridge in Cromwell Township – Wilson Road.
 - Bridge condition has caused a 3-4 mile detour for buses.
 - Previous improvements have been “band-aids”.
 - Roger Hill Road.
 - Stormwater drainage issues.
 - Blairs Mills bridge.
 - Single lane, twin bridges leading to safety issues.
 - Fording in Springfield Township
 - Previously met with PennDOT District 9 and were told that the construction of a new bridge doesn’t qualify for TIP funding.
 - Intersection of Route 22 and Route 26.
 - Safety and sight distance issues caused by the angle of the on-ramp.
 - Sawmill Road/Route 35 in Shade Gap.
 - Project was recently completed, however there are ongoing stormwater issues. Driveways and new berm have been washed out.
 - Intersection of Route 35 and Route 641 near Shade Gap Elementary School.
 - History of accidents, issues with excessive speed and running of the stop sign that is in place.
- Comments and questions regarding the Route 22 Resurfacing project between Mount Union and Huntingdon.
 - Questions about opportunities for local input on the development of the project to include parking and access improvements at Thousand Steps Trail. Access and parking improvements would provide a safety benefit for users of Thousand Steps.



Windber Borough, Somerset County – September 13, 2018 5:00 PM

Feedback

- Transportation needs in Somerset County.
 - Drainage issues on Main Street/Route 281 in Stoystown, PA.
 - Safety issue near the new Dollar General store on Route 30. May be a potential need for the addition of a turning lane into the store as there have been numerous near misses involving vehicles.
 - Safety issues at the intersections of Geiger and Sechler roads on Route 281. Intersections are high crash/near miss sites.
- Comments about transportation needs in Windber.
 - Windber Borough has expressed interest in a bike lane in downtown Windber.
 - Safety concerns were raised for the turn lane on Route 56 to 12th Street. The area has a concentration of near misses/crashes.
 - Windber Borough has commented they are looking to create streetscapes.

Hyndman Borough, Bedford County – September 17, 2018 2:00 PM

Feedback

- Barclay Road bridge in Juniata Township is in need of repair and the Township does not have the funding. Township has previously submitted the bridge to the county, may be included as one of the two Bedford County bridges identified for discretionary funding.
- Route 31 in Southampton Township has poor road conditions including a blind curve and missing guardrail.
- Issues with railroad crossings in Hyndman Borough.
 - Route 96 is being blocked by trains, disconnecting emergency services. Ten to 15 minute delays are common.
 - Advanced signage needed on Route 96 to alert motorists of potential delays.
 - Hogback Road crossing will not support a bus, truck, or heavy vehicles. Need alternative that isn't affected by flooding.
- Lutzville Bridge was recently improved to accommodate additional traffic, however there are road width issues near the Juniata Woolen Mill (Route 219, off Route 30 on Lutzville Road).
- Resident has a concern about school buses stopping on Route 30 and is requesting a traffic study to determine if the speed limit should be reduced.



- Sight distance, speed conditions and passing zones concerns on Route 30, about a quarter mile from Jean Bonnet.
- Commissioner Lang commented about excessive jake-brake usage in Lutzville.
- Commissioner Dallara requested the potential for a fixed transit route from Hyndman to Bedford that runs two days a week.
- Information on the timeline for improvements on Route 96 south of Hyndman to the state line was requested.
- Route 96 safety issues, including a blind S curve, that have caused crashes, predominantly with southbound traffic.
- Safety concerns at the intersection of Tiger Valley Road and Route 96. A 90 degree turn just north of the intersection is believed to have caused a number of crashes for vehicles moving southbound.

Warfordsburg, Fulton County – September 20, 2018 5:00 PM

Feedback

- Flooding and ponding concerns on SR 655 between Dublin and Harrisonville.
- US Route 30 need more high friction asphalt near McConnellsburg.
- Safety concerns raised on US Route 30 near Franklin County. There are a lot of trucks ignoring the brake check area and then losing their brakes further down the road.
- The intersection of Waterfall, N. Hess and SR 655 in Taylor Township has a crash cluster that raises concerns.

Berlin Borough, Somerset County – September 25, 2018 3:00 PM

Feedback

- Significant truck/car traffic through Berlin and concerns that Route 219 may not alleviate the traffic due to motorists still taking Route 160. It is believed that the increase in traffic is due to toll avoidance on the Turnpike.
 - Dave Lybarger from PennDOT District 9-0 stated that the District will look into the difference with traffic as Route 219 is opened for use.
- Brad Zearfoss commented about the need to finish Route 219 to the PA/MD border.
- Wellersburg has traffic issues (many counts of cars colliding/wrecks reported)
 - Brandon Peters of SAP&DC noted that this issue is addressed on 2019 TIP.



- There is a safety issue with people running a stop sign near Flight 93 in Stonycreek Township. Also, a need for bus parking along Stutzmantown Road because of visibility issues.
- The Route 219 on/off ramps follow old Mud Pike Road which is a very rough/"nasty" road.
 - Dave Lybarger added that this issue is already addressed on the TIP.
- Expressed needs for traffic calming (roundabout or widening) in Northern (Upper) Diamond.
- Interest in addressing the narrow bike lane on Diamond Street in Southern (Lower) Diamond.
- Bridge in Brothers Valley Township along Old Mill Road (South of Berlin) is old and needs updating in order to support the needs of Agricultural industry.
- Safety issues involving school buses on Miller Road were raised. Buses have to stop on a downhill turn for a single lane road, safety is a main concern when the road is slick. Flooding issues also exist for a bridge on Miller Road – walls are cracking and steel is rusting.
- Distillery Road intersection on Route 160 where Rosebud is looking at putting a mine in, there is lots of traffic and a visibility issue. Concerns were raised that if a mine does go in, safety conditions will be worsened due to increases in truck traffic.
- Paving issues due to heavy truck traffic on Old Route 219 between Garrett and Berlin. Similar issues of rough roads exist between Somerset and Berlin.

McConnellsburg Borough, Fulton County – September 26, 2018 2:00 PM

Feedback

- Truck restriction on Route 30 near the Fulton County line results in trucks attempting to make unsafe U-turn at various locations to head back to Breezewood.
 - Issue for Wells Township, Fulton County where the majority of trucks are turning around.
 - Additional signage has been placed on the turnpike and on Route 30 in an attempt to deter trucks.
- State bridge at Waterfall on Route 655 has issues that need addressed.
- Route 655 in Licking Creek Township has severe flooding that continues to be problematic.
- High friction surface treatment may be appropriate on Route 30 on the Bedford County side.
- Intersection of Route 522 and Route 30 is to be evaluated by the Department to determine options for freight implications. Unsure what the issue is. Is it cars stopping past the stop bar? Issues with truck drivers not being familiar with maneuvering a tight turn?
- Intersection of Route 16 and Route 30 has issues during certain times of the day. Looking into how much truck traffic there is. Is a roundabout the reasonable option?

Everett Borough, Bedford County – September 26, 2018 5:30 PM

Feedback

- Drainage issue on Route 26 on the first bridge going toward Everett in West providence Township.
- Sight distance issue on Route 30 where you enter West Providence Township. Intersection of Zion Road and Route 30 as well as Bunker Hill and Route 30.
- Sight distance issue (blind spot) for trucks entering the roadway on Black Valley Road and Ashcom Road. Trucks are forced to rely on their mirrors when entering the roadway.
- Safety issues due to road alignment on Pittman Hollow Road.
- Lack of sidewalks to Everett Elementary School on First Street. Students are currently walking in the corridor. Traffic calming measures on the route have recently been implemented.
- Drainage issues that need to be addressed on Winding Ridge Road toward Menchtown. Water is washing out off of a township road (Eshelman Road) onto the state road.

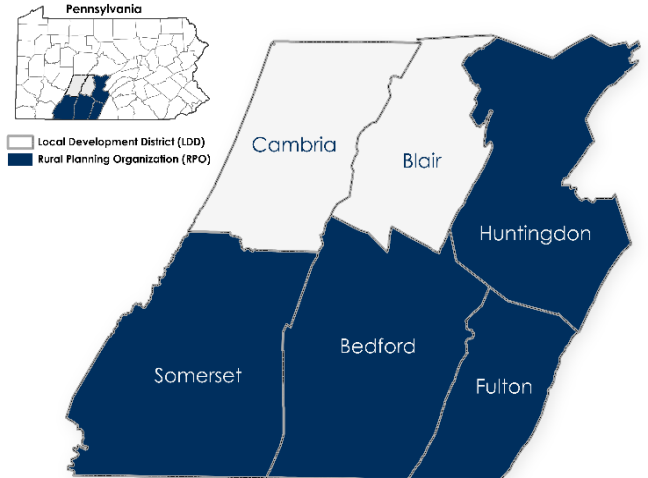
Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization

Seeking Input on Transportation Improvements

The Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization (RPO), in coordination with PennDOT District 9, and the Counties of Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset, is seeking input from regional stakeholders on potential transportation improvements within the RPO.

Every two years, PennDOT Districts and their Planning Partners across the state build a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists publicly funded transportation projects. This past summer, the Southern Alleghenies RPO adopted the 2019-2022 TIP, which is expected to go into effect on October 1, 2018. It can be viewed at <http://www.sapdc.org/gov-non-profit/2019TIP>.

The RPO is now beginning the outreach process to gather information on transportation needs for the 2021-2024 TIP. Two meetings will be held in each of the aforementioned counties according to the schedule below. Please feel free to attend any of the sessions, regardless of where you live, work, or play. Come ready to discuss improvements anywhere in the RPO.



Who should attend

Municipal Representatives
Transit Providers
County Representatives

School District Transportation Managers
Other School District Representatives
Medical Care Providers

Emergency Responders
Freight Representatives
General Public

Where & When

Bedford County:

September 17, 2018 2:00 PM
September 26, 2018 5:30 PM

Hyndman Senior Center
Everett Area High School

[164 Market St, Hyndman, PA 15545](#)
[1 Renaissance Cir, Everett, PA 15537](#)

Fulton County:

September 20, 2018 5:00 PM
September 26, 2018 2:00 PM

Warfordsburg Senior Center
Fulton County Planning Commission

[209 Long Hollow Rd, Warfordsburg, PA 17267](#)
[219 N 2nd St #102, McConnellsburg, PA 17233](#)

Huntingdon County:

September 4, 2018 12:00 PM
September 4, 2018 5:30 PM

Alexandria Fire Hall
Community Bank of Orbisonia

[302 Hartslog St, Alexandria, PA 16611](#)
[761 Elliott St, Orbisonia, PA 17243](#)

Somerset County:

September 13, 2018 5:00 PM
September 25, 2018 3:00 PM

Windber Borough Office
Berlin Borough Office

[1401 Graham Ave, Windber, PA 15963](#)
[700 North St, Berlin, PA 15530](#)

If you require special assistance to attend these meetings, please contact Brandon Peters, Transportation Program Manager, at (814) 949-6543 or bpeters@sapdc.org.



SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

3 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

MEETING: Southern Alleghenies RPO FY 2021 TIP DATE: September 4, 2018
Outreach Meeting
 LOCATION: Alexandria Fire Hall START TIME: 12:00 PM
 STAFF: Brandon Carson, Brandon Peters END TIME: _____

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 STAFF: Brandon Carson, Brandon Peters END TIME: _____

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 STAFF: Brandon Peters, Justin Ruggles END TIME: _____

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4.	<u>PHMC</u>		
5. <u>John Vataulik</u>	<u>Somerset Commission</u>		
6. <u>MIKE MUHA</u>	<u>SHADE TOWNSHIP</u>		
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 STAFF: Brandon Peters, Katie Gutwald END TIME: _____

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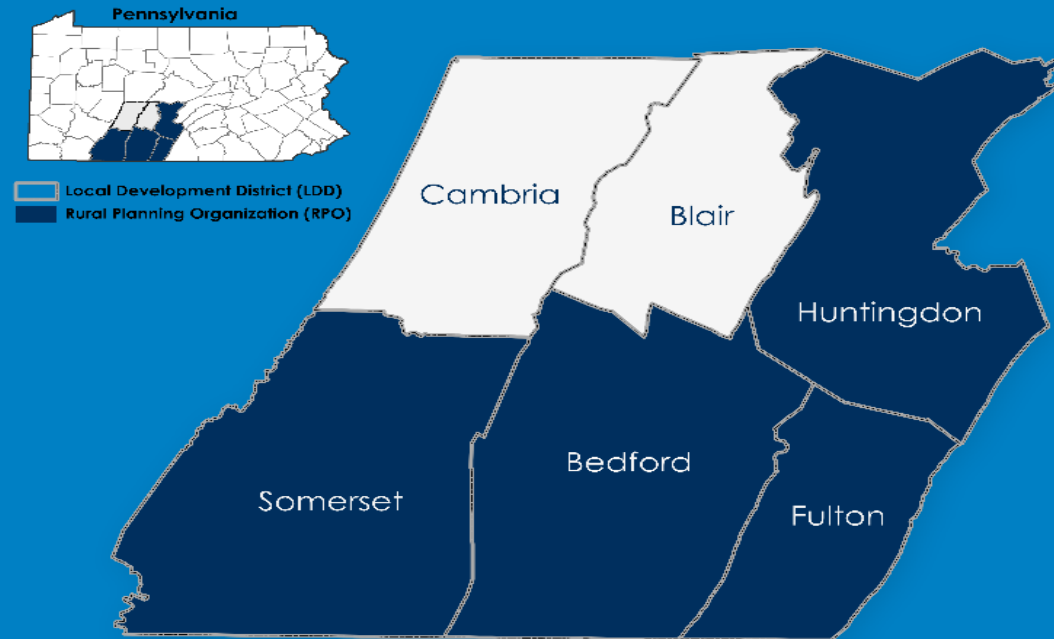
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**Southern Alleghenies
Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Outreach Meeting**

Brandon Peters
Transportation Program Manager
SAP&DC

Southern Alleghenies RPO



Performs transportation planning for the rural counties of:

- Bedford
- Fulton
- Huntingdon
- Somerset



Transportation Planning Process

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- 20 years
- Updated every five years
- Fiscally constrained

Twelve Year Plan (TYP)

- 12 years
- First four years is the TIP
- Updated every four years
- Fiscally constrained

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

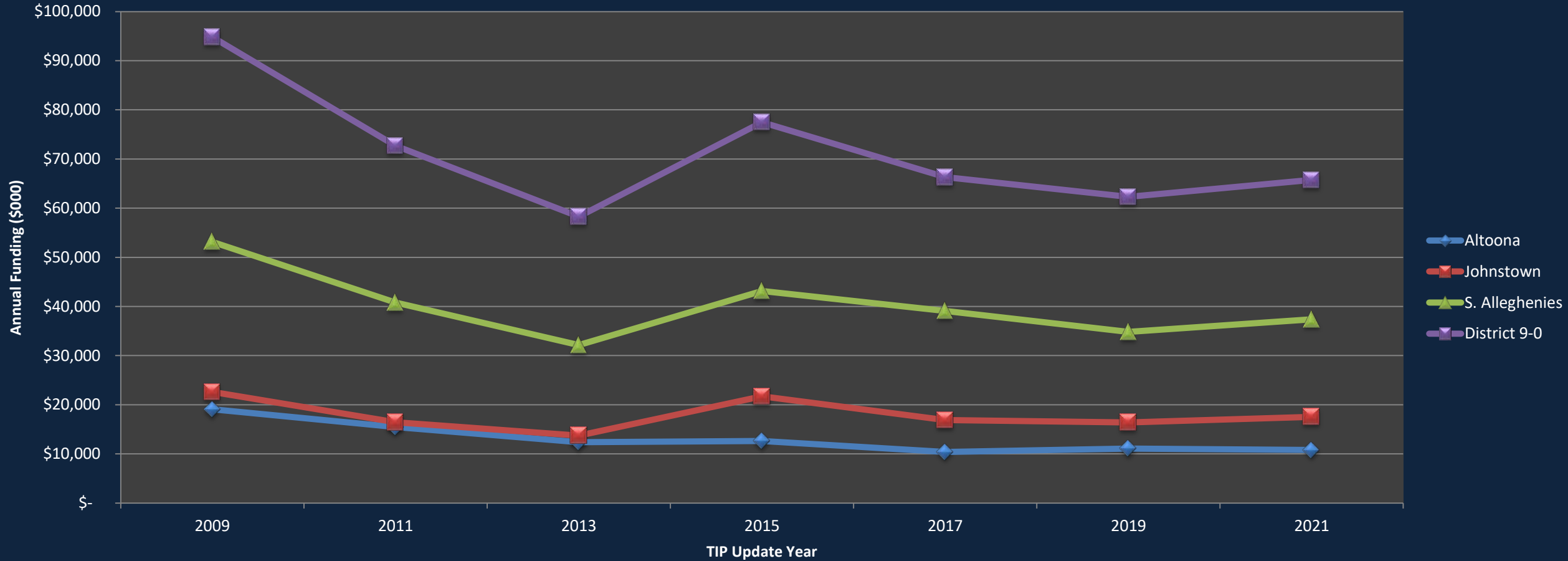
- 4 years
- Updated every two years
- Fiscally constrained

Prioritization and Project Selection

- Maintenance of current assets
- Input from individual, local, county, regional, and state priorities
- Safety
- Available funding



Average Annual TIP Base Funding

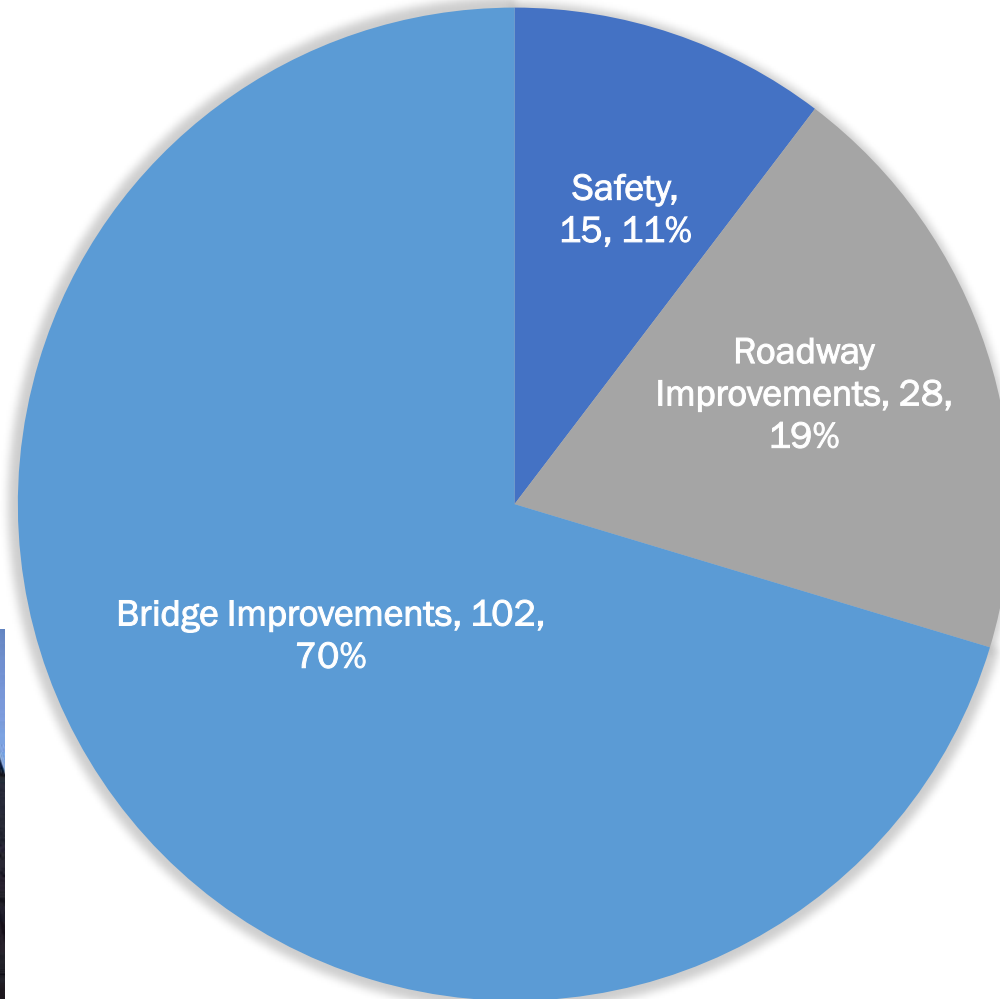


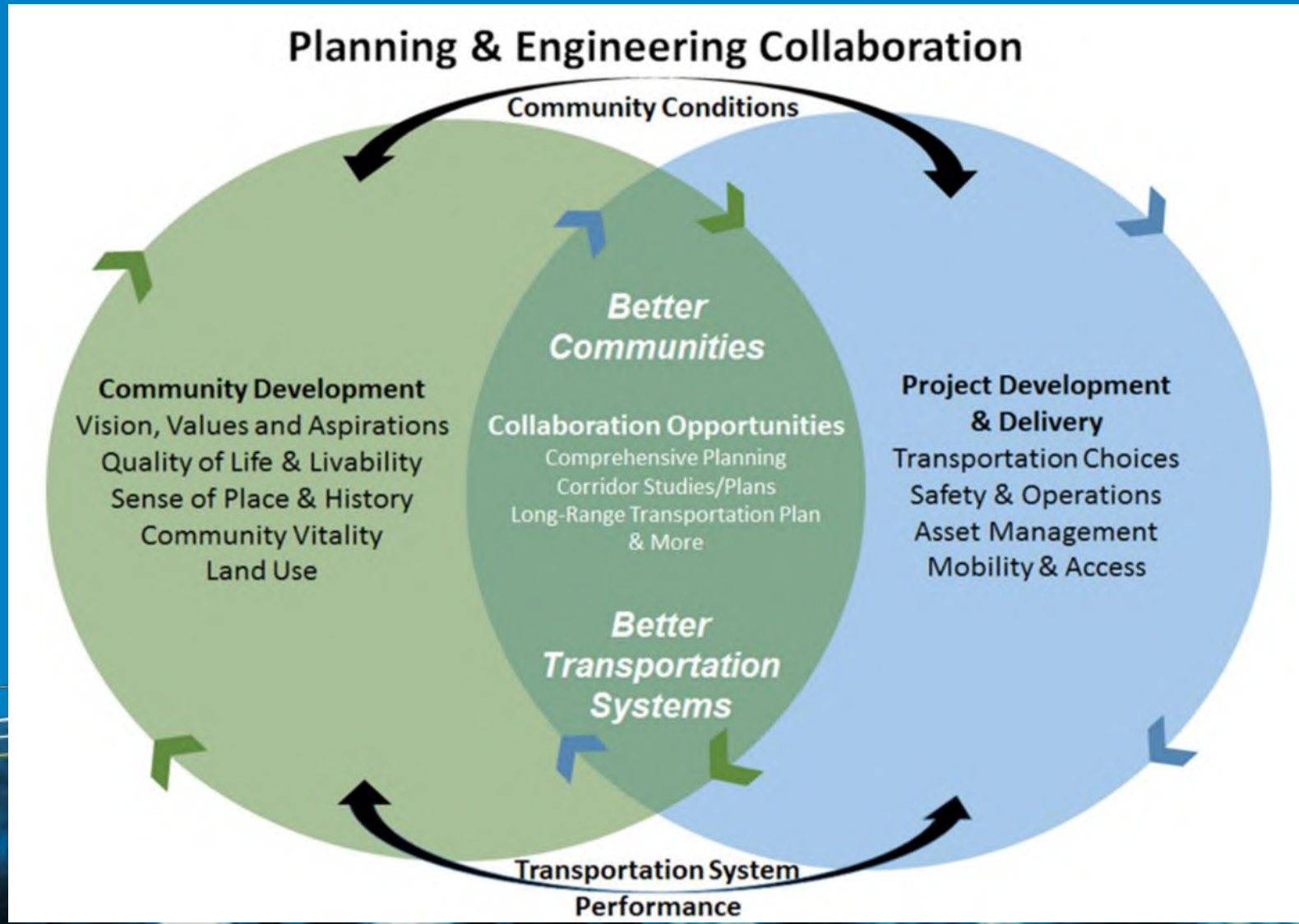
	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
Altoona	\$ 19,064	\$ 15,483	\$ 12,381	\$ 12,640	\$ 10,374	\$ 11,085	\$ 10,792
Johnstown	\$ 22,593	\$ 16,447	\$ 13,721	\$ 21,711	\$ 16,868	\$ 16,401	\$ 17,554
S. Alleghenies	\$ 53,138	\$ 40,773	\$ 32,161	\$ 43,142	\$ 39,070	\$ 34,812	\$ 37,394
District 9-0	\$ 94,795	\$ 72,703	\$ 58,263	\$ 77,493	\$ 66,312	\$ 62,298	\$ 65,740

Source: Pennsylvania's Transportation Program Financial Guidance (2009-2019)

2019-2022 TIP Projects

TOTAL PROJECT COUNTY BY TYPE





- #### Departments
- General
 - Resource Share
 - Project Initiation Forms
 - Growth Management
 - Community Character
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Safety
 - Funding Strategy
 - Complete Streets/Multi-modal
 - Economic Development
 - Stormwater Management
 - Comprehensive Planning
 - Maintenance
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What are the Transportation Needs – Identify Improvements

- Roadway
 - Surface is in poor condition
 - Drainage issues
- Bridge
 - Structure deterioration
 - Proper accommodation of traffic
 - Local Bridge/Structures
- Land Use and Economic Development
 - Potential Development
 - New capacity needed
 - Access management
- Congestion mitigation
 - Congestion at certain times of the day
 - Problems making left turns
 - Roundabouts
 - Signal timing
- Multimodal Transportation
 - Bike lanes/trails
 - Sidewalks
 - Transit facilities
- Safety Issues
 - Near miss accident locations
 - Sight distance issues
 - Warning signs/lights/signals

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MAYOR-WILLIAM BOYD
SECRETARY-TREASURER-CAROL L. PERIGO**

September 7, 2018

Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization
Mr. Brandon Peters
Transportation Program Manager
3 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601-9343

Dear Mr. Peters,

This letter is in regards to Stoystown Borough's transportation needs. The Main Street, State Rt. 4028 in Stoystown Borough has been put on the schedule for repaving and repairs numerous times and has been postponed everytime for the past few years. We again, are requesting that Main Street be put on the schedule for repaving.

We also are requesting that you put Oak Street, St Route 4053 on the schedule to be paved and repaired at the same time as Main Street. Oak Street is rapidly deteriorating and needs attention greatly. This street is a main connecting street from Rt. 30 to Main Street in Stoystown and is heavily used. We are also requesting that at the intersection of Rt. 30 and Oak Street, that the street be widened. If you are leaving Stoystown and turning West on Rt. 30 off of Oak Street, the street is paved. If you are coming off of Rt. 30 from the East and entering Oak Street, the street is not paved. This causes a safety issue with uneven pavement, especially in the winter. The Stoystown Borough Council feels it would make the intersection so much safer and have easier access to and from Rt. 30 with the improvement of widening the intersection.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or call the Secretary, Carol Perigo at 814-893-5078.

Sincerely,
Stoystown Borough Council

DRAFT - SAPDC TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INTERIM ON-ROAD ALIGNMENT THE MAIN LINE CANAL GREENWAY / 911-TRAIL (HUNTINGDON COUNTY)

PHASE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS:

REACH: Alfarata (Lower trailhead at Route 4014) to Huntingdon (Pennsylvania Ave. at 4th Street):

TOTAL DISTANCE: 8.9 miles

WORK ELEMENTS:

- **Trailheads:**
 - Expand and Upgrade existing trailhead at Lower Trail (Alfarata)
 - Expand and Upgrade existing trailhead at Riverside Park (Huntingdon)
- **On-road Route:**
 - 4014 (Main St.) – From Lower Trail Trailhead to Route 4004 (Barree Rd.)
 - Alexandra Urban Streets
 - Barree Rd. – Route 4014 (Main St.) to Shelton Ave.
 - Shelton Ave. – Route 4004 (Barree Rd.) to Hartslog St.
 - Hartslog St. – Shelton Ave to Brewhouse Ln.
 - Brewhouse Ln. – Hartslog St. to Bridge St.
 - Bridge St. – Brewhouse Ln. to Route 305 (Main St./Alexandria Pike)
 - Route S4005 (Main St./Alexandria Pike Rd.)– Bridge St. to Route 26 (Pennsylvania Ave.)
 - Route 26 (Pennsylvania Ave.) – From Route S4005 (Alexandria Pike Rd.) to 4th St.
- **Recommended Trail Crossing Signage / Crossing Improvements:**
 - Main St. at Lower Trail Trailhead
 - Main St. at Barree Rd.
 - Barree Rd. at Shelton Ave.
 - Main St. at Bridge St.
 - Alexandria Pike at River Rd.
 - Alexandria Pike at Pennsylvania Ave.
 - Pennsylvania Ave at Penn St.
 - Pennsylvania Ave at 4th St.
- **Recommended Trail Signage:**
 - “Share the Road”/ “Bike Route” signage for entire on-road corridor
 - Trailhead maps at Lower Trail and Riverside Park Trailheads

PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATIONS:

REACH: Huntingdon (Pennsylvania Ave. at 4th Street) to Mifflin County Line.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 13.25 miles

WORK ELEMENTS:

- **Trailheads:**
 - Expand and Upgrade existing trailhead at Blair Park (Huntingdon)
 - Expand and Upgrade existing trailhead at Mapleton Riverside Park (Huntingdon)

- Incorporate Trailhead at Mt. Union Boat Launch (Mt. Union)
- **On-road Route:**
 - 4th St. – Pennsylvania Ave. to Penn St.
 - Penn St. – 4th St. to Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.)
 - Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) – Penn St. to Pike Run Dr.
 - Pike Run Dr./Glen Burk Dr. – Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) at “Bruce’s Lakeside Motors” to Route 22(William Penn Hwy.) at “Cisney & O’Donnell Pools”
 - Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) – Glen Burke Dr. to T444 (Main St.)/Smokers Hill Rd.
 - T444 (Main St.) – Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) at Smokers Hill Rd. to Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) south of Mill Creek.
 - Vehicular Traffic on Main St. currently ends at the Mill Creek Area Municipal Authority. It is recommended that trail user access be made allowable on this section of Main St.
 - Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) – Main St. to Route 655 (Oriskany Rd.)
 - Route 655 (Oriskany Rd.) – Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) to Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) just west of Thousand Steps.
 - Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) – Route 655 (Oriskany Rd.) to Route 747 (N. Jefferson St.)
 - Route 747 (N Jefferson St.) – Route 22 (William Penn Hwy.) to existing trail on E. Pennsylvania Ave. (Mt. Union).
 - Existing Trail (E. Pennsylvania Ave.) – Route 747 (N. Jefferson St.) to Mifflin County Line/ Juniata River
- **Recommended Trail Crossing Signage / Crossing Improvements:**
 - Penn St. at 4th St.
 - Penn St. at Route 22
 - Route 22 and Pike Run Dr.
 - Route 22 at Smokers Hill Rd./Main St. (Western end)
 - Route 22 at Main St. (Eastern end)
 - Route 22 at Route 655 (Western end)
 - Route 22 at Bridge St. (Mapleton)
 - Route 22 at Route 655 (Eastern end)
 - Route 22 at Thousand Steps
 - Route 22 at N. Jefferson St.
 - N. Jefferson St. at Pennsylvania Ave.
- **Recommended Trail Signage:**
 - “Share the Road”/ “Bike Route” signage for entire on-road corridor
 - Trailhead maps at Blair Park, Mapleton Riverside Park, Thousand Steps, and Mt. Union Boat Launch Trailheads.

From: [Beatty, Todd](#)
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:58 PM
To: [Brandon Peters](#)
Subject: Southern Alleghenies RPO

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Brandon,

I am unable to meet in my listed areas during the dates and times listed. Hopefully I can give my suggestions via email to be included. I believe this may be in the pipeline already, but Rt. 30 on the Western side of Sideling Hill Mountain is extremely slippery with the slightest of precipitation particularly the area West of Rt 915 (bottom half of mountain). I have witnesses several accidents in the past three years. The sandpaper like substance that was place at the top of the East side of the mountain would do a great job in preventing these accidents.

Thank you,

Todd B. Beatty
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From: [Mark Colussy](#)
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 4:04 PM
To: [Brandon Peters](#)
Cc: [Brandon Carson](#)
Subject: RE: Huntingdon TIP Outreach
Attachments: Huntingdon County Strava Heat Map 2018.JPG; ATC Mission and Primary Initiatives 021218.pdf; 911-HUNT Preferred Alignment V002A 11x17 A-G with Parcel numbers - Compiled Compressed.pdf

Brandon,

I didn't realize I didn't send this out before. I had it put together, but I guess never actually sent it. As I had mentioned at the outreach meetings, I had some specific comments from the Active Transportation Committee, as well as items from the Mainline Canal Greenway Feasibility Study for the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

ATC:

As you are aware, the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee was formed by the Commissioners late last year and started meeting officially in January. Since that time, they have developed a Mission statement, primary responsibilities, a list of unofficial bike routes in the County, a relationship with the Borough on trying to create a bike lane from the College to the Downtown, initial engineering to apply for grant funds for lighting in the downtown, and a few other priority to be considered with any transportation improvements. The mission and responsibilities are attached to this email. The TIP related projects include:

- Connect the Juniata Valley School District to Alexandria and Petersburg by providing a safe route between the communities and the schools
- Put sidewalks on Warm Springs Rd., Cold Springs Rd.
- Create bike route from Mount Union to Riverview Business Center
- Extend Huntingdon's Blair Park's trails to the top of Standing Stone Ridge and bridge across the Juniata River
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections from the Juniata College campus to downtown Huntingdon
- Connectivity between Mt. Union, Mill Creek and Huntingdon with a multi-use path using the Mainline Canal Greenway
- Improve non-motorized access between Huntingdon Borough and Raystown Lake
- Improve Terrace Mountain Trail and connect it to Saxton Borough
- Extend the Lower Trail eastward from Alfarata to Huntingdon Borough
- More general bicycling and hiking options in the southern county
- Support the development of former east broad top rail lines in to potential rail trails
- Increase school and college cultures of walking and biking
- Provide more trail opportunities in the state game lands
- Connect the Lower Trail to Canoe Creek State Park, including the 22 underpass (Blair County)

Additionally, here is a list of the unofficial bike lanes that were submitted:

- Mt. Union along 522 to Allenport
- Mt. Union to Kistler and Newton Hamilton in Mifflin County
- Alexandria Pike to Huntingdon
- Route 305 from Route 26 to Alexandria
- Petersburg Pike to Huntingdon
- Between downtown Huntingdon and Walmart (across the 8th St. bridge)
- Warm Springs Ave, from 7th St. to Cold Springs (is the connective corridor for the Peace Chapel trails)
- The entire length of Cold Springs Rd. out to Route 26
- Downtown Huntingdon, crossing 22 to Snyder's Run out to Corbin's Island
- Fairgrounds Rd. to Turkey Farm Rd. in Hesston
- Route 26, south of Hesston to 994
- Route 26 from Downtown Huntingdon north to Murray Run
- Murray Run Rd.
- Route 994 from Grange Hall Rd. to Entriken
- Route 453 from Hungry Hollow/Water St. to Pemberton (Connects Lower Trail to Warriors Mark roads and Sinking Valley roads).
- Downtown Huntingdon to Fairgrounds Rd.
- Fairgrounds Rd. to Crooked Creek Rd. to Downtown Huntingdon
- Route 655 from Mapleton to Saltillo
- Route 655: Mill Creek Hollow Rd. to Glick Ln. north of Fousetown (gets less dangerous once it enters Big Valley)
- Route 829 as a lake circumnavigation route, Route 22 to Route 994.

Lastly, the ATC recognized that improvements were the most logical where people were walking and biking. We utilized Strava to generate a heat map of the area to highlight the areas most used. It is important to make safety accommodations in these areas, and look to link these areas to each other and to our urban centers. The map is attached, or can be found directly at:

<https://www.strava.com/heatmap#11.40/-78.11805/40.63340/hot/all>. You can see that Allegrippis and Lower Trails are white-hot popular, as well as routes through Warriors Mark and Rothrock. 994 between Entriken and Trough Creek is hot, so is (???) Southern Huntingdon County High. The corridors linking Altoona, Tyrone, Water St. and State College are striking.

Mainline Canal Greenway / September 11th National Memorial Trail:

After the third and final public meeting to discuss the Interim and Ultimate Alignment of the trail, the routes have been finalized. The Interim Alignment is the most critical to coordinate with the TIP update, as it will share the roadway until the off-road multi-use trail network can be built. Attached you will also find the alignment. The consulting firm working on it will be providing me the list of improvements needed early next week. Please note that the ultimate alignment on the maps is red with a yellow border, whereas the interim alignment is simply red.

HCBI EI Committee:

I'm not sure if it is worth noting some of the discussions we had at the HCBI Economic Infrastructure meetings or not. I could compile a summary of some of the major discussion points from those meetings here as well.

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Development Commission

The Southern Alleghenies
Planning and Development
Commission (SAP&DC) is a Local
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responsible for transportation
planning and programming in Bedford, Ful-
ton, Huntingdon, and
Somerset Counties.
SAP&DC announces the
following meeting date
change. The Rural Transportation
Technical Committee (RTTC) meeting
scheduled for Wednesday,
October 23, 2018, at 9:00
AM at the SAP&DC Office
has been moved to November 7, 2018, at 10:00
AM and will be a combined meeting with the
Rural Transportation Coordinating
Committee (RTCC). The meeting will
be held at the SAP&DC
located at 3 Sheraton
Drive, Altoona PA.

If you require special assistance or would like additional information, please contact Brandon Peters at 814-949-6543 or e-mail bpeters@sapdc.org at least one week prior to the meeting.

October 16, 2018

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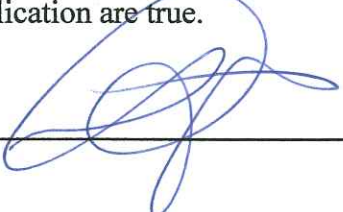
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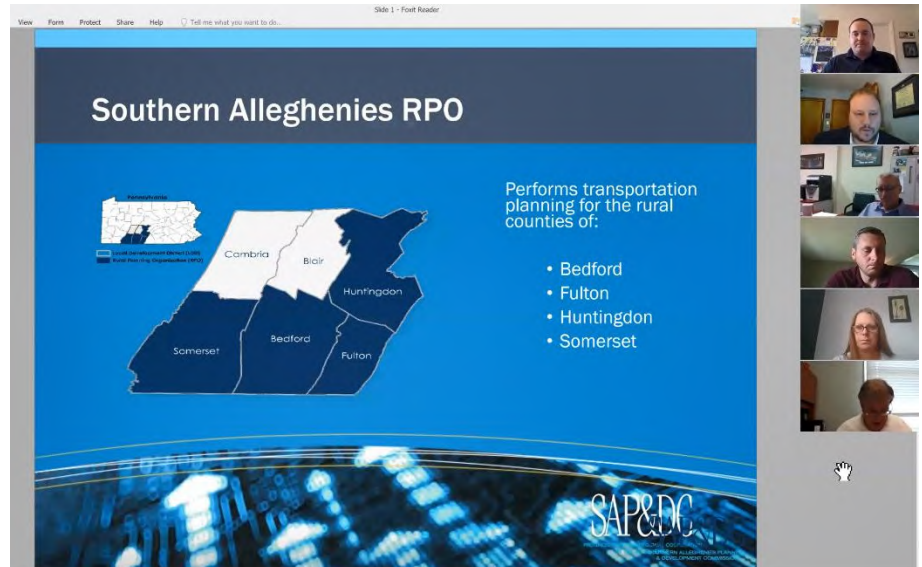
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FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Period

The Draft TIP was available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on May 14, 2020, and ending on June 12, 2020. Copies of the documents were available for review at <http://www.sapdc.org/gov-non-profit/2021TIP>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020, a virtual public hearing on the Zoom platform was held during the public comment period to discuss the Draft TIP. Comments on the FY 2021-2024 Draft TIP were also received via the SAP&DC website, mail, and email. The comments received are as follows:



- **The Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce** commented on the importance of completing the remaining section of four-lane Route 219, including the initial phases of the Route 219 project on the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Chamber noted the economic benefits and opportunities from completing the route.
- **The Cambria County Commissioners** commented to support the completion of the remaining section of four-lane Route 219. They stress the importance of the project being funded on the FY 2021-2024 TIP, stating the economic benefits to Cambria County and the entire Southern Alleghenies Region that will be garnered through its completion.
- **Clarke Romesburg**, a citizen of the region, commented on the importance of completing Route 219 from the Maryland border to the existing four-lane 219. He notes that the two-lane stretch is in bad condition due to heavy car and truck traffic, and the funneling of a four-lane road into a two-lane road. He states that he understands that the two-lane section is scheduled for repair/improvement, but the construction will increase delays and be a “pain” for people using the road.
- **Janis Remington**, a resident of Elk-Lick Salisbury Township and member of the Salisbury Elk Lick School Board, expressed her interest in continuing to be a part of the public hearings regarding the completion of four-lane Route 219. She notes that she has attended Route 219 meetings in Grantsville, MD and Salisbury, PA previously.
- **Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI)** sent a letter of support for the completion of four-lane Route 219. They specifically endorsed the addition of initial phases of the project to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. JARI suggested that the completion of Route 219 will provide a safer passage for their transportation-related companies and create greater regional opportunities for business development.
- **The Somerset County Economic Development Council (SCEDC)** sent a letter to support the effort to have the initial phase(s) of the Route 219 project included on the FY 2021-2024 TIP. SCEDC says that Somerset County will reap economic benefits of easier access to the region, especially in the tourism

industry. They also believe a completed Route 219 project would allow them to market to large manufacturers looking for easy interstate access and an available workforce.

- **The Somerset Chamber of Commerce** commented on behalf of their 650+ business members to support the effort to include the initial phases of the Route 219 project on the FY 2021-2024 TIP. They state the completion of Route 219 would make Somerset a very attractive place for businesses, including warehousing/distribution, energy, manufacturing, tourism, and others. They note that the completion of the 11-mile segment from Somerset to Meyersdale had positive impacts on the ability for businesses to grow and hire more workers. One negative impact of the current situation is that large trucks get funneled from the four-lane highway to the two-lane segment near Salisbury creating a safety issue, as Amish buggies must compete for the road with tractor trailers. They believe the completion of the four-lane 219 will increase business development and remedy the safety concerns.
- **The Somerset County Commissioners** wrote a letter to support the effort for the inclusion of the initial phases of the Route 219 project to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. They cite a recent benefit-cost analysis (BCA), completed by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), that indicated county and regional businesses would greatly benefit from a completed Corridor N (Route 219). They request that funds be allocated to the initial phases of the Route 219 project so that they can be programmed on the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
- **The Somerset County Farm Bureau** commented to support the completion of the Route 219 project. They cite the importance of transportation to the Agriculture industry, from the initial delivery of supplies (fertilizer, seed, etc.) to the shipping of goods after harvesting. The Farm Bureau states that completing Route 219 would cut transportation/fuel costs for farmers in the region, as well as all motorists.

Comments in their entirety, as well as the public comment period advertisement and proof of publication are attached:



June 10, 2020

Mr. Brandon Peters, MPA
Transportation Program Manager
Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission
Planning & Community Development Division
3 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601

Dear Mr. Peters:

The Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of the Somerset County Commissioners to complete the remaining section of four-lane Route 219, including the initial phases of the US. Route 219 project on the FY 2021-2024 Southern Alleghenies TIP.

Along with improvements to PA Route 56 East, the completion of US Route 219 has long been a priority of our Transportation committee. In surveys of our membership, inadequate highway access has consistently ranked number one in impediments to economic development in our region.

A completed 219 would be an important impetus to an economic resurgence by providing improved access to some of the most important markets in the east. This would lead to increased opportunities not only for sales but for supply chains. If the recent pandemic and resulting shutdowns have taught us anything, it is that access to and control over our supply chain is crucial.

Improved highway access to our region would also make our region more attractive to visitors seeking to take part in our growing tourism and recreation economy. Growing our economy and our amenities is crucial to attracting commerce as well as potential residents. It is no secret that our area has been losing population over the past several decades. The Cambria-Somerset region is ideally situated to take advantage of our proximity to large markets without sacrificing the quality of life that has been such an important competitive advantage.

This issue is of utmost importance to the nearly six hundred organizations represented by the Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce. This project has our full support, and we urge the funding to be put in place for the 2021-2024 TIP.

Best regards,


Amy Bradley, President & CEO

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June 9, 2020

Brandon Peters, MPA Transportation Program Manager
Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission
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Dear Mr. Peters,

The Cambria County Board of Commissioners fully support the completion of the remaining section of four-lane U.S. Route 219. The completion of this project will benefit Cambria County and the entire region of the Southern Alleghenies. It is of vital importance that this project is fully funded by being included on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Studies have clearly shown that the completion of this project will increase economic activity, boost tourism, reduce travel time and connect the Southern Alleghenies to other Appalachian states and interstate highways.

We remain steadfastly committed to be champions for the completion of U.S. Route 219. This project will lead to greater opportunities and growth for Cambria County and our region. We thank you for your time and leadership. The time has come for us to create a victory for Pennsylvanians and future generations.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Chernisky

William J. Smith

Scott W. Hunt

Brandon Peters

From: SAP&DC <info@sapdc.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Brandon Peters
Subject: Public Comment on 2021 TIP

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Someone submitted the 2021_tip_public_comment_form form:

Full Name: Clarke Romesberg

Phone Number: 814-443-3941

Email Address: clarke34@verizon.net

Comments: Completion of Route 219 from MD Boarder to existing 4 lane 219. The old 5 mile section of 2 lane road is falling apart and being over used due to funneling 4 lane roads into two lane roads. As I understand the two lane section is scheduled for improvement / repair which will be a pane and cause delays and problems for all using that area. Those 5 miles need and improved TIP scheduling for the 5 miles so the new road is operation before beginning much needed work on the current two lane section being used to over capacity. Also the two lane section is seeing more heavy truck traffic because of connecting two 4 lane roads. Improve this seccion on the TIP and getter done for the improving econimy.

Brandon Peters

From: SAP&DC <info@sapdc.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Brandon Peters
Subject: Public Comment on 2021 TIP

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Someone submitted the 2021_tip_public_comment_form form:

Full Name: Janis Remington

Phone Number: 8142332099

Email Address: gal2vs20@msn.com

Comments: Hello I am interested in being apart of the public hearing in regards to Rt 219's completion. I am a local resident of Elk-Lick Salisbury Twp and am also Committee woman for that Twp/Boro and a member of the Salisbury Elk Lick School Board. Past Chair of the Somerset Co Republican Party as of June 2, 2020. I have attended meetings over the years with attending at the Grantsville, MD Elementary School and also meetings held at the Salisbury Boro building and the Salisbuty Fire Hall...

JARI

Growing Your Region

June 8, 2020

Mr. Brandon Peters, MTA Manager
SAPDC
3 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601


Dear Brandon:

On behalf of the JARI organization, please accept this letter in support of the completion of the Rt. 219 four-lane highway through Somerset County to the Maryland line. We specifically endorse the addition of initial phases of this project to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan for the SAPDC MPO.

JARI is providing procurement, workforce and financing services to companies across the Cambria/Somerset region seeing and experiencing first-hand the need for a complete Rt. 219 south to intersect with I-68 E/W. Our transportation-related companies would gain a safe route to eastern destinations, and we would experience greater regional opportunities for business development as well as employee recruitment. There is no greater project to uplift the region than completion of this highway.

JARI is pleased to be represented on the N/S Highway Work Group and the I-68 Alliance, both regional collaborations tied to creating opportunities based upon this critical highway improvement. We stand ready to assist SAPDC and others as we work toward the completion.

Sincerely yours,


Linda R. Thomson
President



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June,11 2020

Brandon Peters, MPA | Transportation Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Peters:

Please let this letter serve as the SCEDC's support of Somerset County's effort to have the initial phase of US Route 219 Project be noted as part of the FY 2021-2024 Southern Alleghenies TIP Program.

The economic impact of completing a significant North-West Interstate connection between the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 68 in Maryland will be considerable. This new connection would significantly reduce travel times to and from multiple East Coast destinations allowing for much improved import/export times and costs for local and regional companies while also provided huge incentives for further logistic/transportation related development.

Already a strong tourist and recreational destination Somerset County and the Laurel Highlands would reap the economic benefits of quicker/easier access for those looking to escape urban life. Somerset County would immediately benefit from this increased tourism traffic, as those visiting will patronize our local restaurants, shops, and services.

As a small local Economic Development Organization the completion of US Route 219 would allow the SCEDC to better market to large manufactures looking for easy interstate access, inexpensive land and development costs, with a readily available workforce, and a high quality of life.

To conclude, the SCEDC is in support of any-and-all efforts by Somerset County, our local and regional economic development affiliates, and the local businesses community in the completion US Route 219 to the Maryland border.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA E. BOLAND | Executive Director

Somerset County Economic Development Council

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June 10, 2020

Brandon Peters, MPA/Transportation Program Director
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Dear Brandon,

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our 650+ business members, adamantly support the Somerset County Commissioners efforts to include the initial phases of the U.S. 219 project on the 2021-2024 Southern Alleghenies TIP. This project is essential to the growth and sustainability of Somerset County and the entire region that encompasses the 219 corridor.

The completion of a north/south corridor will have an almost immediate economic impact on Somerset County and the entire region that encompasses the 219 corridor. The idea of connecting major interstates (PA Turnpike, Route 68 & Route 22) with a North/South component makes us extremely attractive for growth from many sectors of business, including Transportation/Distribution, Energy, Manufacturing, Tourism and other businesses that see the opportunities of a growth market.

One issue that has become apparent during the COVID pandemic is that people are looking to the outdoors for recreation and potential relocation (virtual workplace) and the ease of travel will only spur more growth in those areas and as a county that attracts over 5 million visitors a year to our outdoor destinations and attractions, that will spur even more economic impact.

The recent completion of the 11-mile segment from Somerset to Meyersdale has already had an interesting impact. Local manufacturers, who were in a hiring crisis, were able to expand their workforce reach and add much needed skilled employees to their companies.

We have faced one negative impact with the 11-mile completion and that is the constant traffic being funneled into the town of Salisbury, where tractor trailers are competing with Amish buggies, creating a significant safety issue. Completing the last segment to Route 68 will solve that issue immediately.

I urge you to support the Commissioners request to add this onto the TIP. I don't believe there was ever a project, anywhere, that had virtually a 100% support vote from all the residents. It is time to Complete 219!

Respectfully,

Ron Aldom

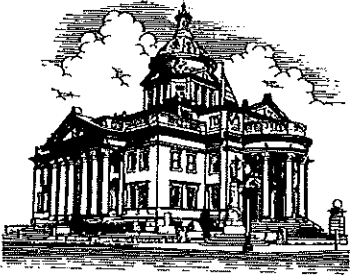
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June 4, 2020

Mr. Brandon Peters, MPA/Transportation Program Manager
Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission
Planning & Community Development Division
3 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA 16601

Dear Mr. Peters

Somerset County is advocating to add initial phases for the U.S. 219 project (from the Meyersdale bypass to the Maryland border) to the FY 2021-2024 Southern Alleghenies TIP. The completion of the four-lane roadway will lead to an improved Corridor N of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) and will positively influence business and economic development in Somerset County and the surrounding region. Additionally, the completion of the corridor will make critical safety improvements by diverting traffic from the existing, outdated two-lane highway to a modern four-lane interstate.

While the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the TIP is subject to fiscal constraint, and that there is currently no funding in place for the U.S. 219 project, we implore discretionary funds to be allocated. Moreover, we implore the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization (RPO) to coordinate on an application(s) for competitive funds to begin the project and see it through to fruition.

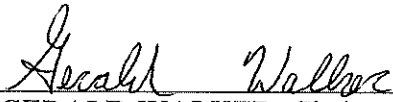
A recent benefit-cost analysis (BCA), completed by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), indicated that a newly constructed Corridor N would have a positive impact on several key factors. This conservative analysis indicated benefits could be realized for business time and reliability costs, the value of personal time, logistics and freight costs, vehicle operating costs, safety, and environmental considerations. Not only does this bode well for the County, but the Southern Alleghenies Region and Pennsylvania in its entirety will see significant benefit as well.


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Sincerely yours,

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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Somerset County Farm Bureau

199 Apollo Lane
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June 9, 2020

Brandon Peters
MPA Transportation Program Manager
Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission
Planning & Community Development Division
3 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601

Dear Brandon,

The Somerset County Farm Bureau supports the completion of the U.S. Route 219 Project.

Agriculture is a very diverse industry and transportation is a major key in the very important food supply chain.

From the initial delivery of seed, fertilizer, equipment and livestock to the ongoing care and cultivation during the growing season and the final harvesting, safe and direct transportation is vital to the food industry.

Whether it is transporting large equipment from farm to farm, hauling milk, harvesting crops and livestock to producers, fuel costs, are a key factor in helping to keep fuel costs down.

Completion of the Route 219 corridor would certainly impact fuel costs not only for farmers but also for all of transportation.

As I mentioned before, Agriculture is very diverse. When you sit down for your next family meal, talk about all the occupations involved in putting that meal on you table; not all are farmers, however all are involved in the food supply chain and depend on safe and direct transportation.

Thanks for your efforts in this project. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or if you require additional justification for the completion.

In closing, completion of 219 makes perfect sense and let's make John Vatauvuk proud.

Sincerely,

Denny Hutchison
President, Somerset County Farm Bureau

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TIP Public Comment Meeting May 21, 2020

Attendees: 20 Participants

Brandon Peters, SAP&DC;

Stacy LoCastro, SAP&DC;

Zachary Lee, SAP&DC;

John Breneman, PA Senator Corman;

Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office;

Commissioner Colleen Dawson, Somerset Co.;

David Lybarger, PennDOT District 9-0;

Stewart Neff, Warriors Mark Township;

Josh Boland, SCEDC

Commissioner Amy Webster, Blair Co.

Brandon Carson, SAP&DC;

Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC;

Janice Streightiff, SAP&DC;

Marty Malone, Lehman Engineers;

Rick Suder, Bedford Co. Planning Commission;

Mary Grace Ingrum, Juniata Township Bedford Co.;

Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0;

Anthony Molinari, HU-BE-FU AAA;

Brad Zearfoss, Somerset Co. Planning Commission

Comments:

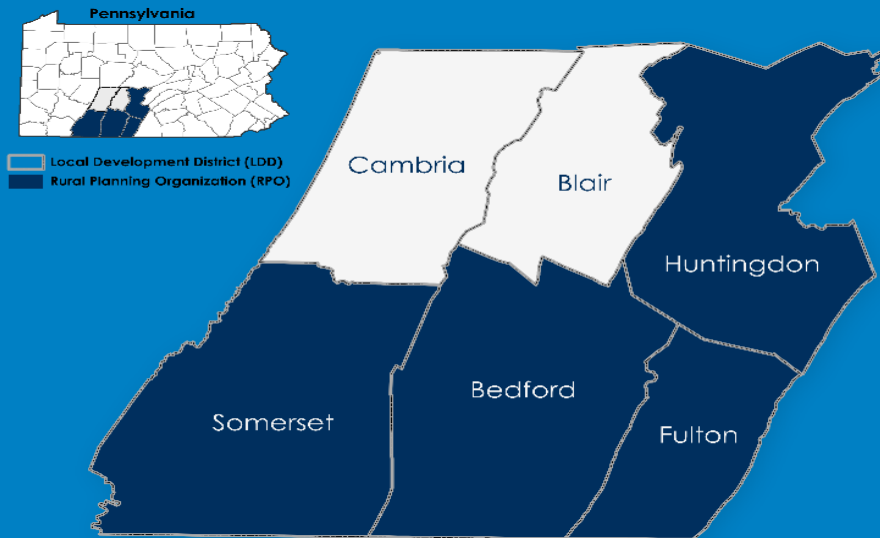
1. Commissioner Dawson Somerset County wanted to advocate for an amendment to the TIP for U.S. Route 219 from the Meyersdale bypass to the Maryland border. She would like to see it advanced to the first four years on the TIP for design and environmental studies. She will be submitting written comment as well.
2. Frank Hampton thanked staff for a job well done.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

Southern Alleghenies Rural Planning Organization (RPO) 2021-2024 Draft TIP

Brandon Peters
Transportation Program Manager
SAP&DC

Southern Alleghenies RPO



Performs transportation planning for the rural counties of:

- Bedford
- Fulton
- Huntingdon
- Somerset

Transportation Planning Process

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- 20 years
- Updated every five years
- Fiscally constrained

Twelve Year Plan (TYP)

- 12 years
- First four years is the TIP
- Updated every four years
- Fiscally constrained

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- 4 years
- Updated every two years
- Fiscally constrained

Prioritization and Project Selection

- Input from individual, local, county, regional, and state priorities
- Asset management needs
- Safety
- Available funding



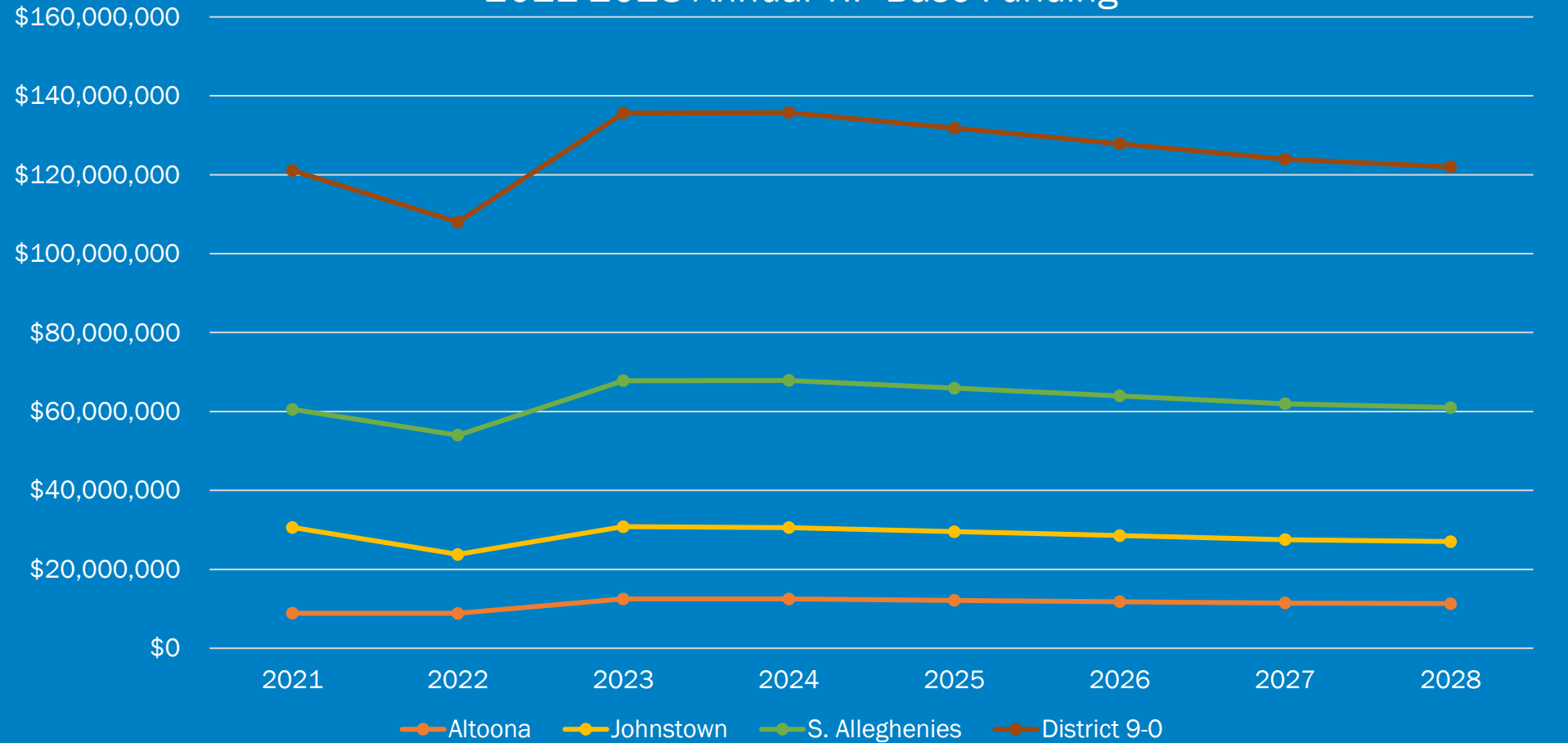
Public Transportation

- On-Demand services provided by Human Services Agencies:

- Somerset County Transportation System
- Fulton County Family Partnership
- Huntingdon, Bedford, Fulton Area Agency on Aging

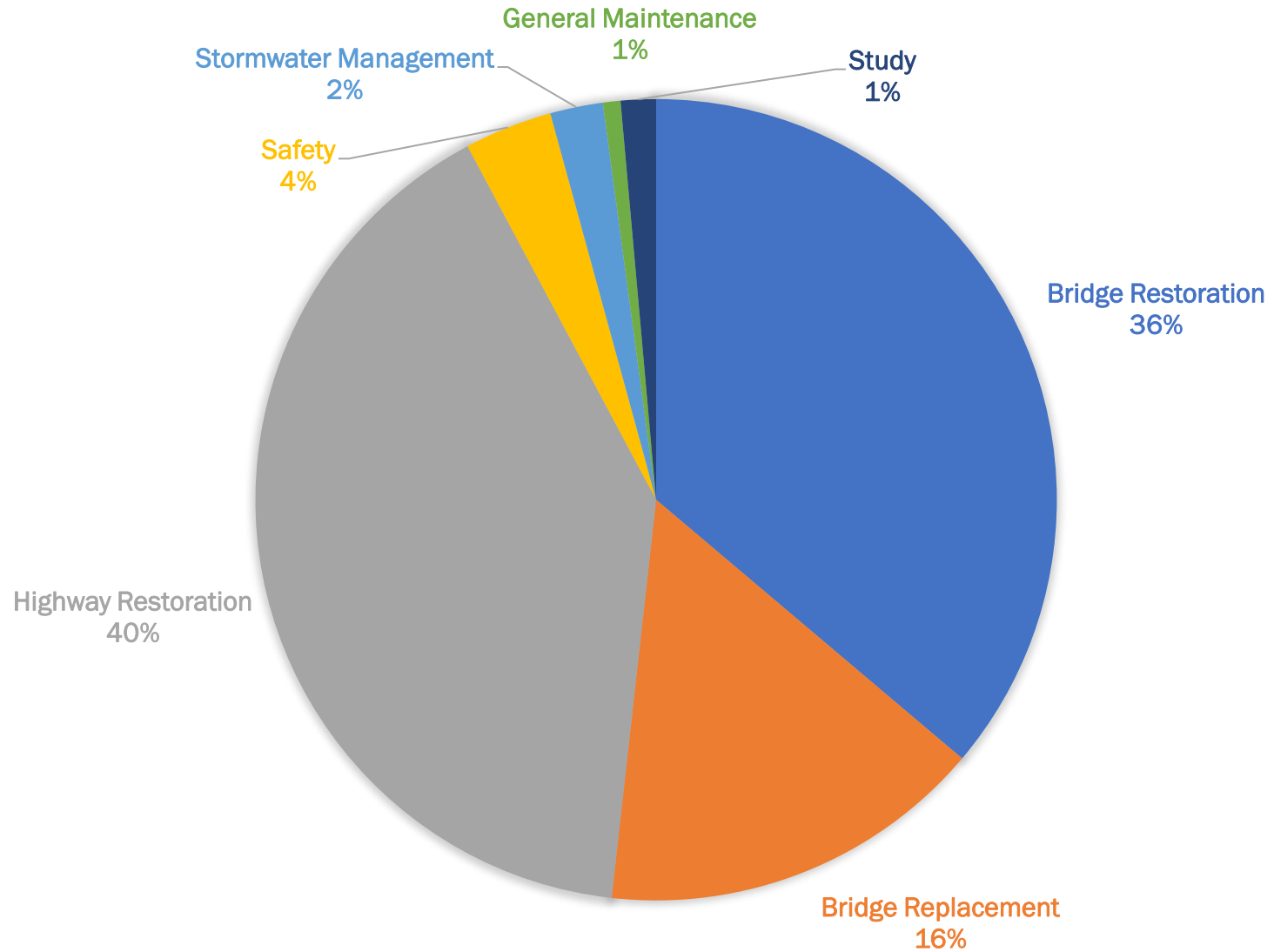


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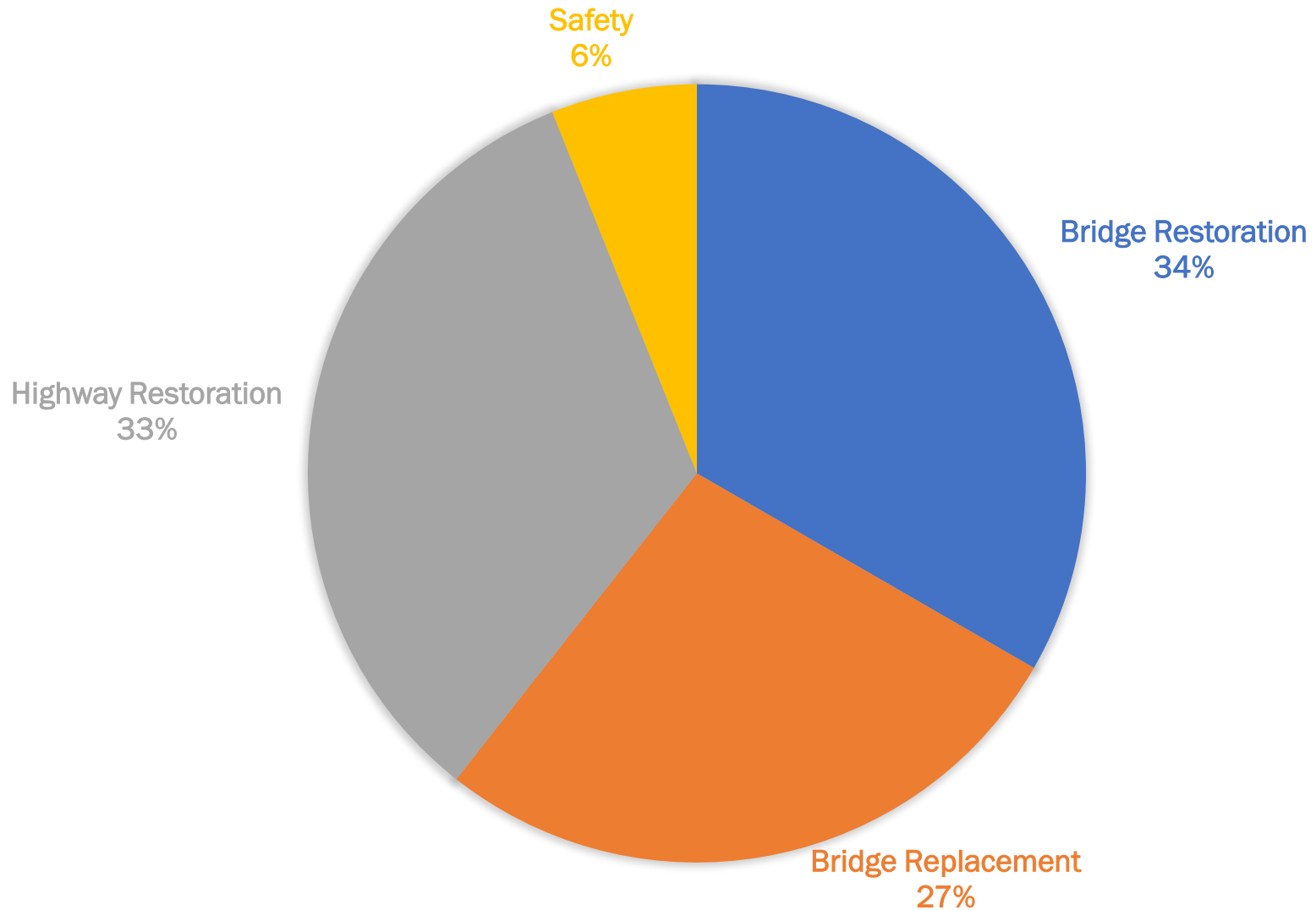


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Johnstown	\$21,732,000	\$14,937,000	\$18,324,000	\$18,110,000	\$17,423,000	\$16,737,000	\$16,050,000	\$15,719,000
S. Alleghenies	\$29,919,000	\$30,222,000	\$36,991,000	\$37,300,000	\$36,355,000	\$35,405,000	\$34,457,000	\$33,995,000
District 9-0	\$60,532,000	\$53,994,000	\$67,810,000	\$67,884,000	\$65,913,000	\$63,942,000	\$61,971,000	\$61,016,000

2021-2024 TIP PROJECT BREAKDOWN



BEDFORD COUNTY PROJECT BREAKDOWN



2021-2024 TIP Projects

Bedford County

Bridge Replacement

- 1- PA 56
- 2- US 30
- 3- Osterburg Sungrass Creek
- 4- Little Willis Creek Bridge
- 5- Gordon Creek Bridge
- 6- Barefoot Run (Trib)
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- 8- Barefoot Run (Trib)
- 9- Gravel Pit/Tar Water Creek Bridge

Safety

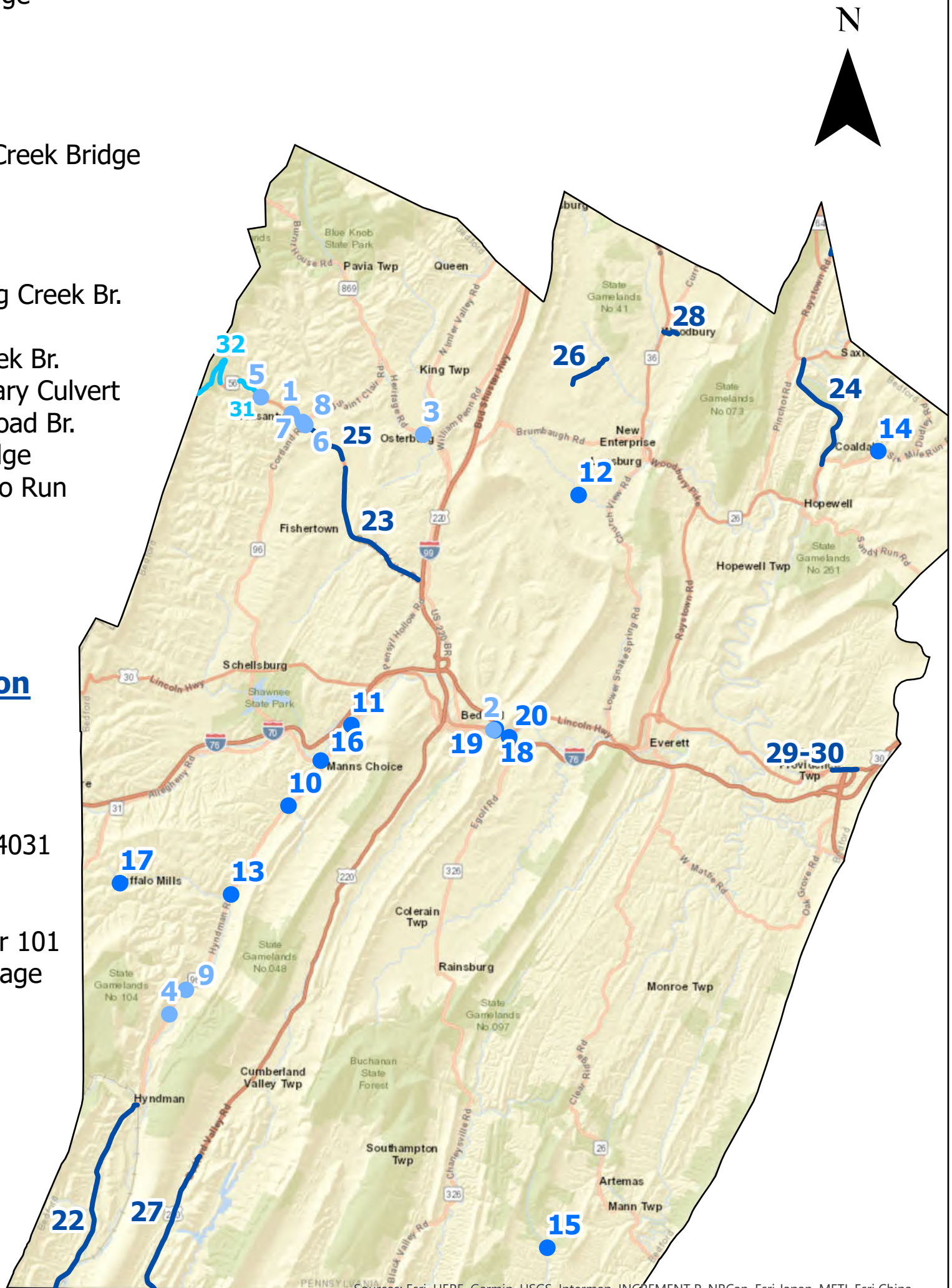
- 31- Mountainside Drive Safety Improvements
- 32- PA 56 Truck Brake Check Pull-off

Bridge Restoration

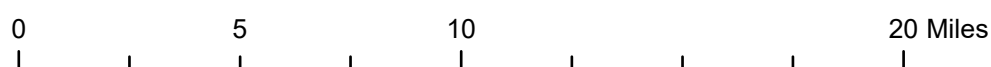
- 10- PA 96 Sulphur Spring Creek Br.
- 11- PA 31 Kinton Bridge
- 12- SR 1015 Beaver Creek Br.
- 13- PA 96 N Bard Tributary Culvert
- 14- T-575 Cold Spring Road Br.
- 15- T-317 Mtn Road Bridge
- 16- Manns Choice Buffalo Run
- 17- T-383 Barkley Road
- 18- US 30 Overpass
- 19- US 30 Overpass
- 20- US 30 Overpass

Highway Restoration

- 21- Raystown Road
- 22- PA 96
- 23- PA 56
- 24- PA 26
- 25- PA 56- PA 96 to SR 4031
- 26- SR 1032
- 27- US 220
- 28- SR 1038- PA 36 to Sr 101
- 29-30- US 30 Truck Signage



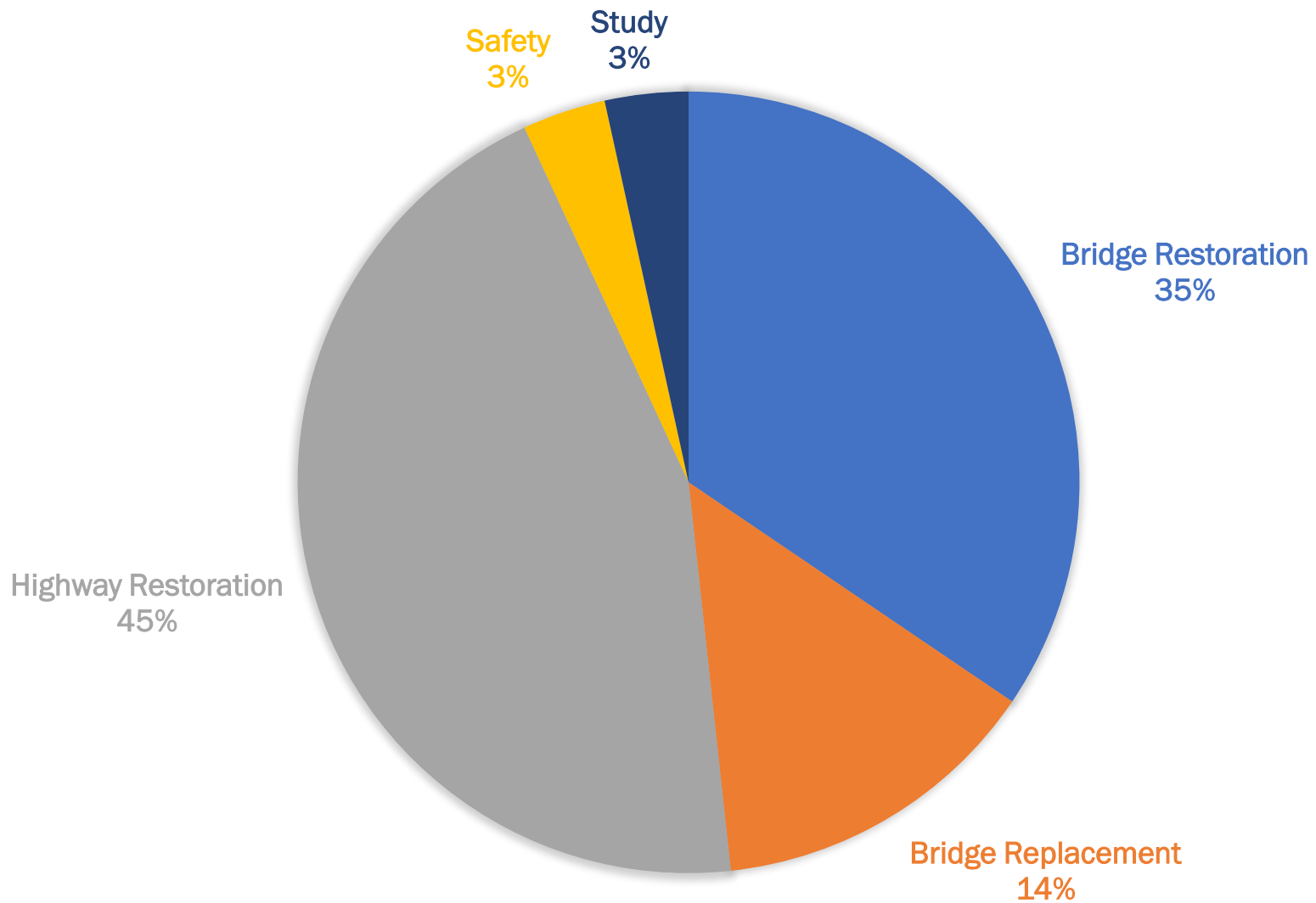
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HUNTINGDON COUNTY PROJECT BREAKDOWN



2021-2024 TIP Projects Huntingdon County

Bridge Replacement

- 1- T-573 Wilson Road
- 2- Herod Run Bridge
- 3- PA 913 Sugar Camp Run
- 4- Hill Valley Creek Bridge

Bridge Restoration

- 5- T-368 Great Trough Creek
- 6- PA 641 Trib Shade Creek
- 7- PA 641 Shade Creek
- 8- Hill Valley Creek Bridge
- 9- Lick Run Bridge
- 10- Derry Run Bridge
- 11- PA 829 N Spring Creek Bridge
- 12- PA 994 Tatman Run Bridge
- 13- PA 45 Spruce Creek Bridge
- 14- T-529 Miller Road

Highway Restoration

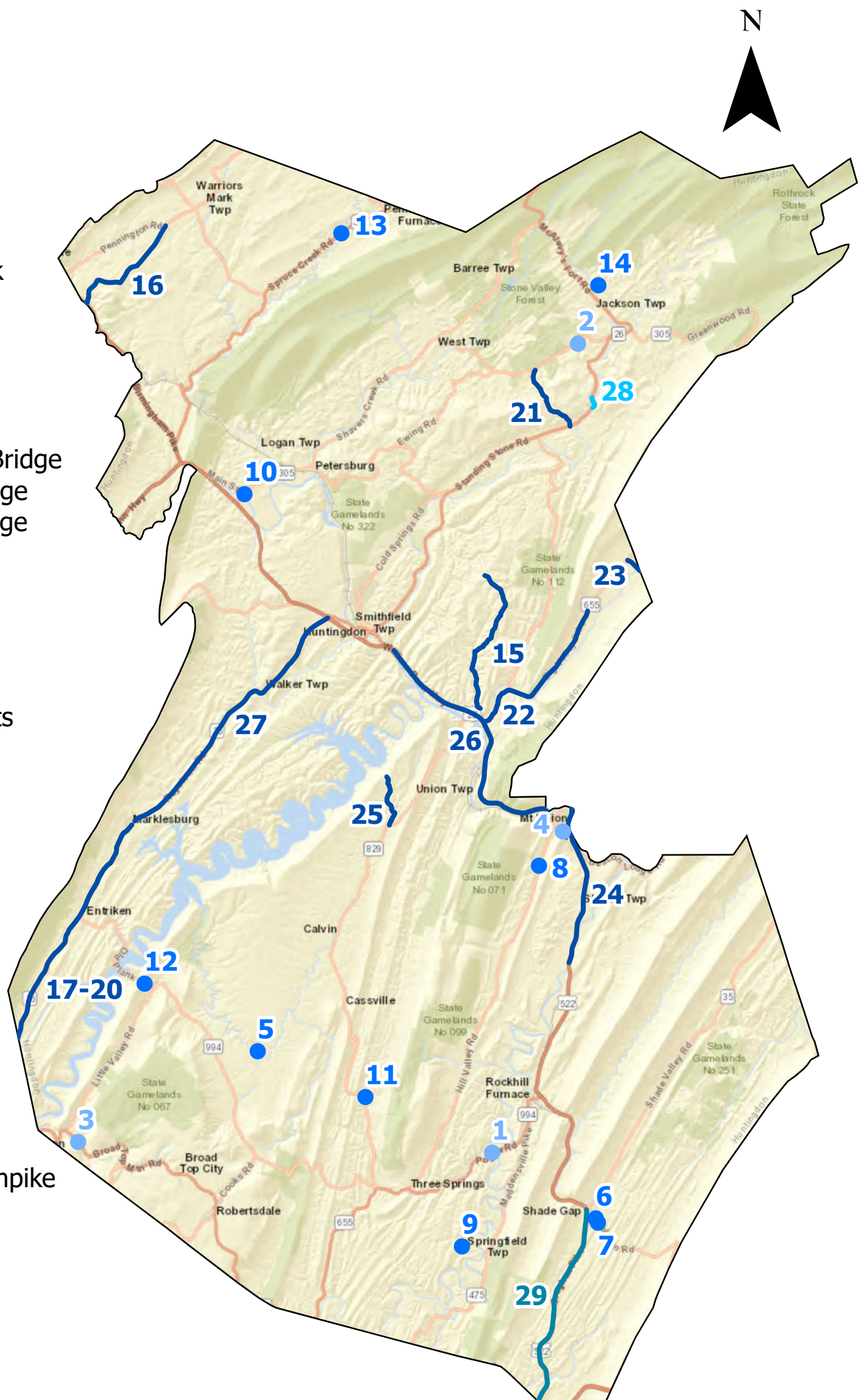
- 15- SR 1003
- 16- SR 4023
- 17-20- PA 26 various projects
- 21- SR 1015
- 22- PA 655
- 23- Sharpsburg Road
- 24- PA 522
- 25- SR 3051
- 26- US 22
- 27- PA 26, US 22 to Mountain Road

Safety

- 28- Jackson Corner Slide

Study

- 29- PA 35 Shade Gap to Turnpike



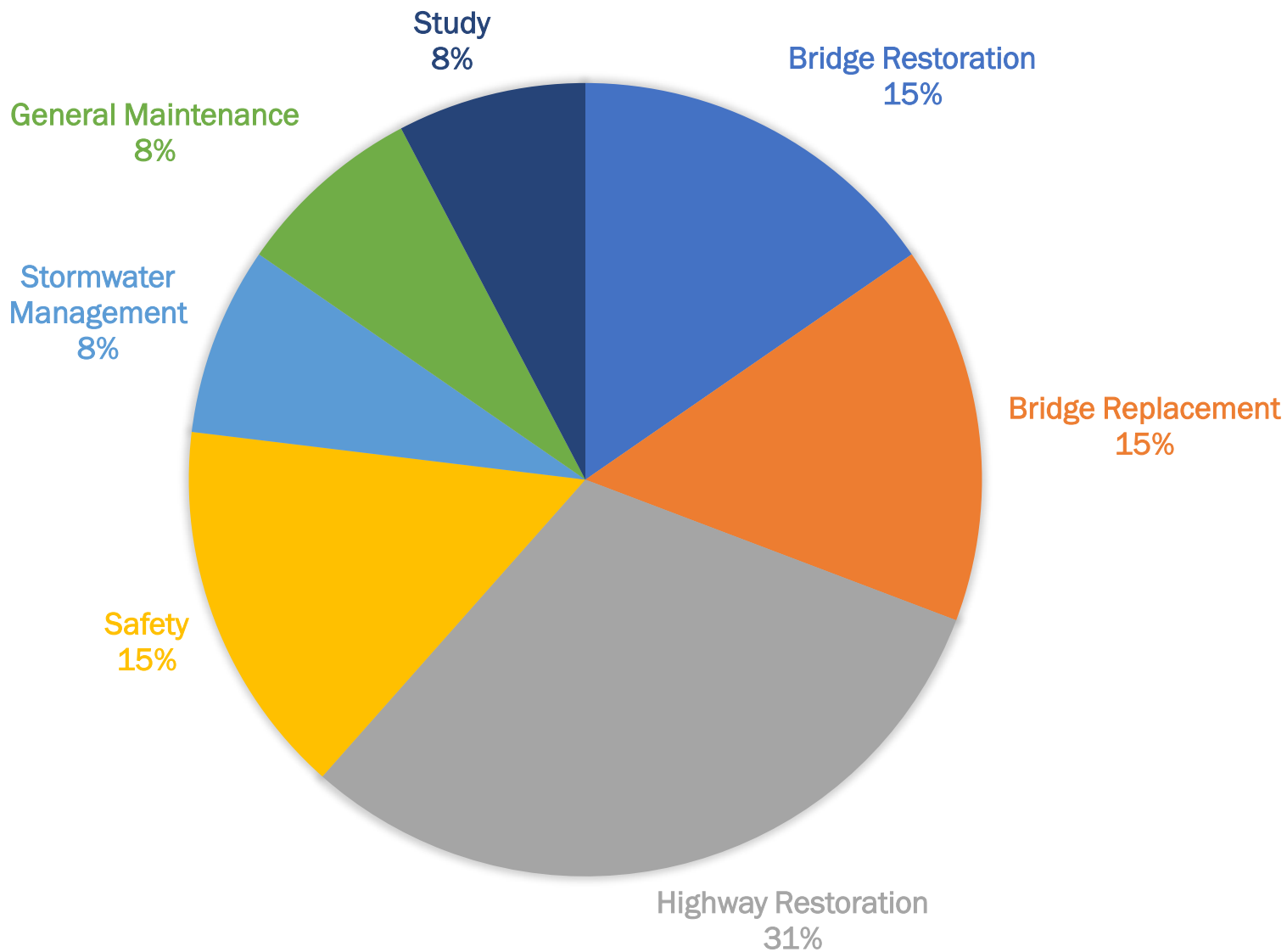
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FULTON COUNTY PROJECT BREAKDOWN



2021-2024 TIP Projects

Fulton County

Bridge Replacement

- 1- Sipes Mill Bridge
- 2- T-330 Zachs Ridge Road

Bridge Restoration

- 3- US 522 White Oak Run Road
- 4- T-340 Fairview Road

General Maintenance

- 5- N. Third Street Bridge

Highway Restoration

- 6- US 522- US 30 to Turnpike
- 7- SR 1001- US 522 to SR 10
- 8- SR 1001- SR 1002 to PA 1
- 9- Wells Valley Road Culvert

Safety

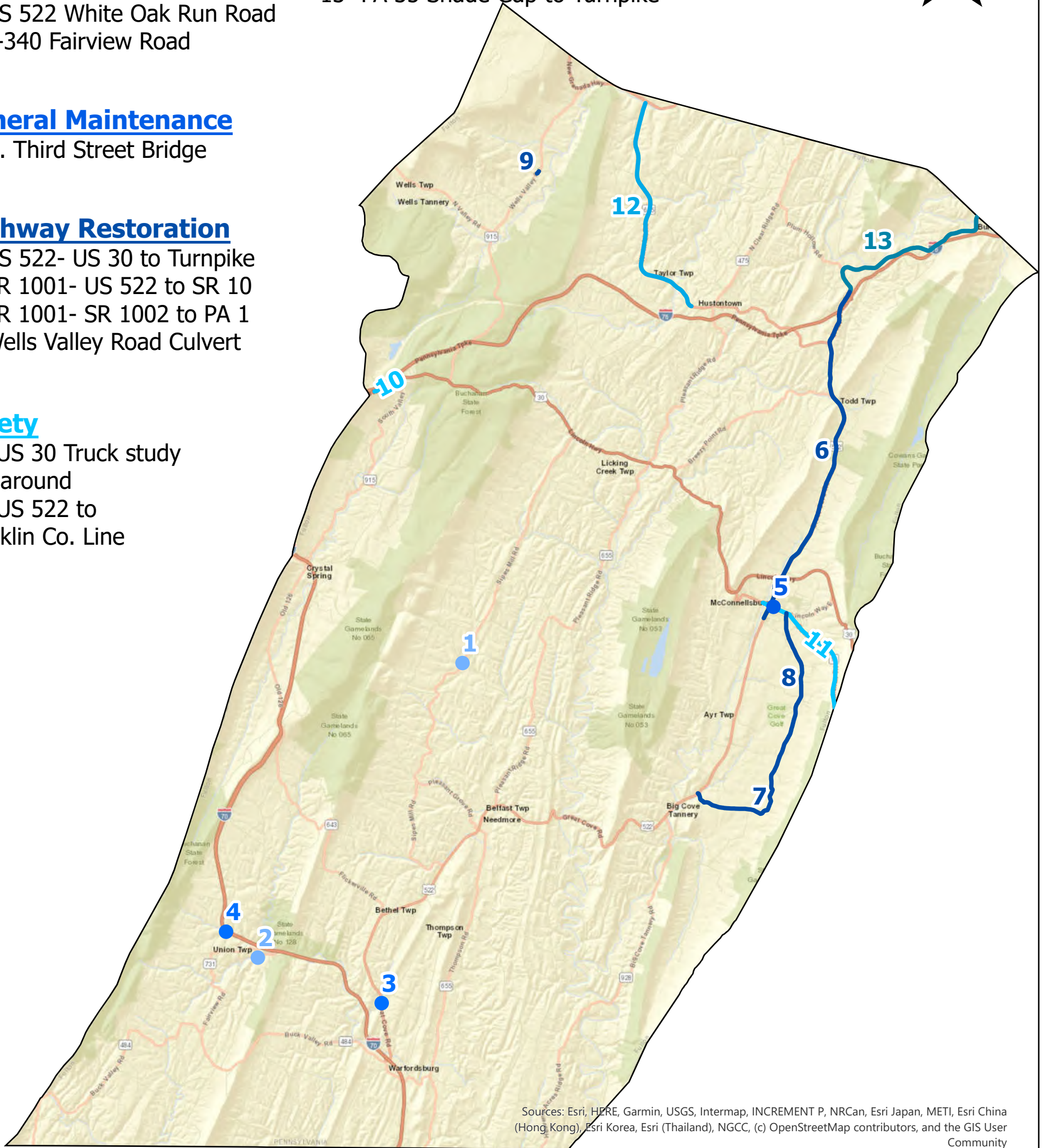
- 10- US 30 Truck study Turnaround
- 11- US 522 to Franklin Co. Line

Stormwater Management

- 12- PA 655 Culvert

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- 13- PA 35 Shade Gap to Turnpike



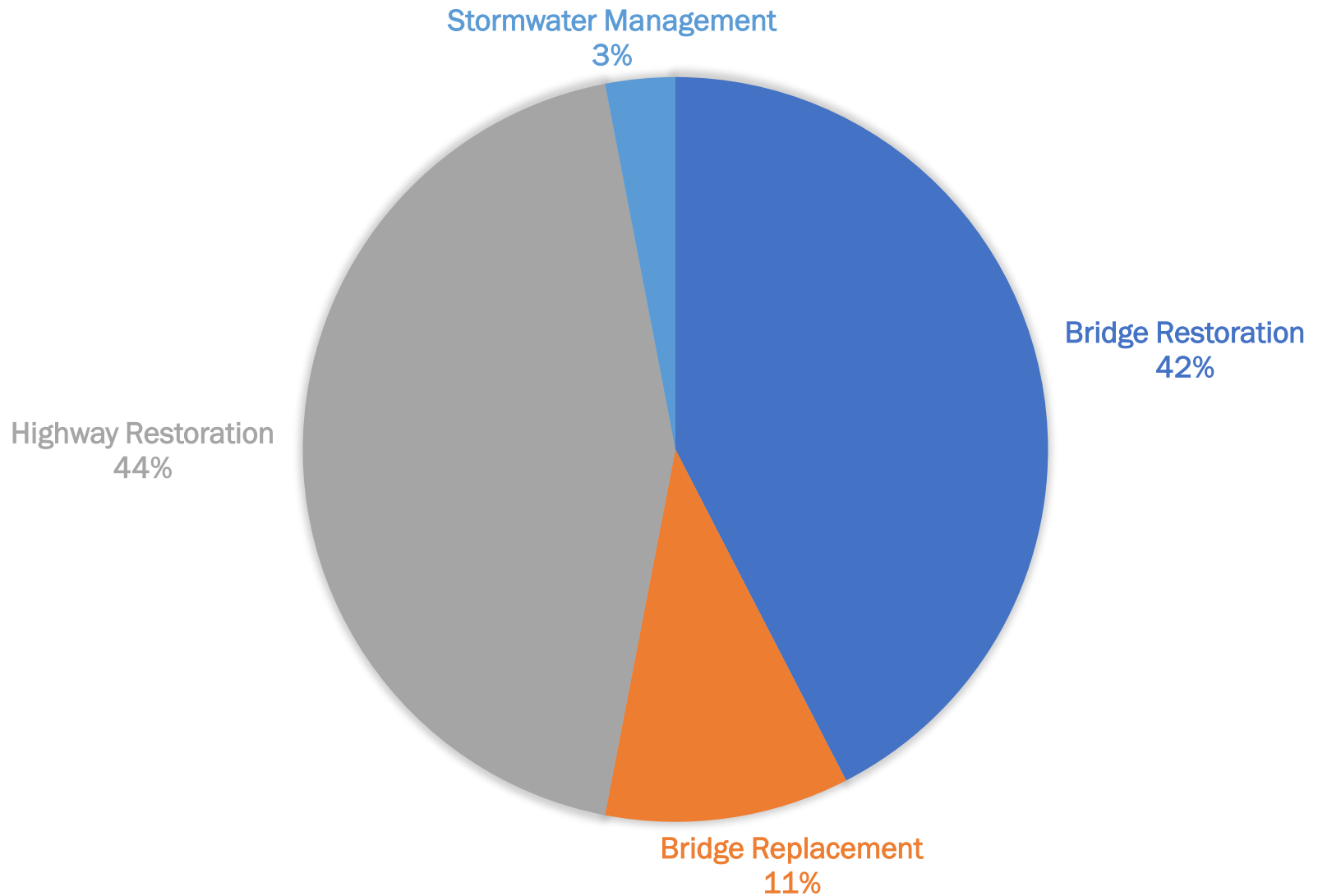
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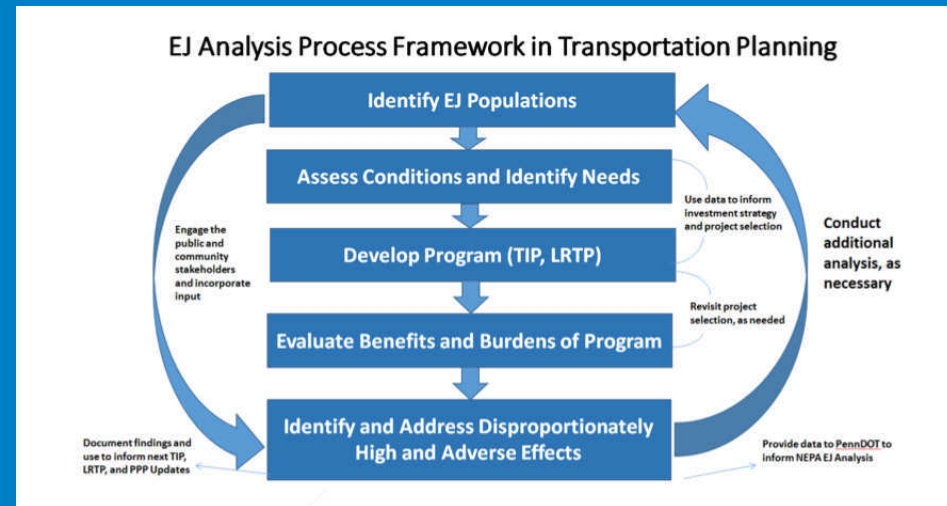
SOMERSET COUNTY PROJECT BREAKDOWN



Environmental Justice

• EJ Core Elements

- Identify EJ Populations
 - Regional profile of Low-Income and Minority populations
 - Population mapping
- Assess Conditions and Identify Needs
 - Safety conditions (Bicycle and Pedestrian crashes)
 - Pavement conditions
 - Bridge conditions
- Evaluate Benefits and Burdens
 - Categorize projects
 - Map project distribution and proximity to populations
 - Qualitative narrative



Identify EJ Populations

Dot Density Map of Concentrations of Low-Income Populations, Southern Alleghenies RPO, PA 2017

Concentrations of Low Income Populations Low Income Population

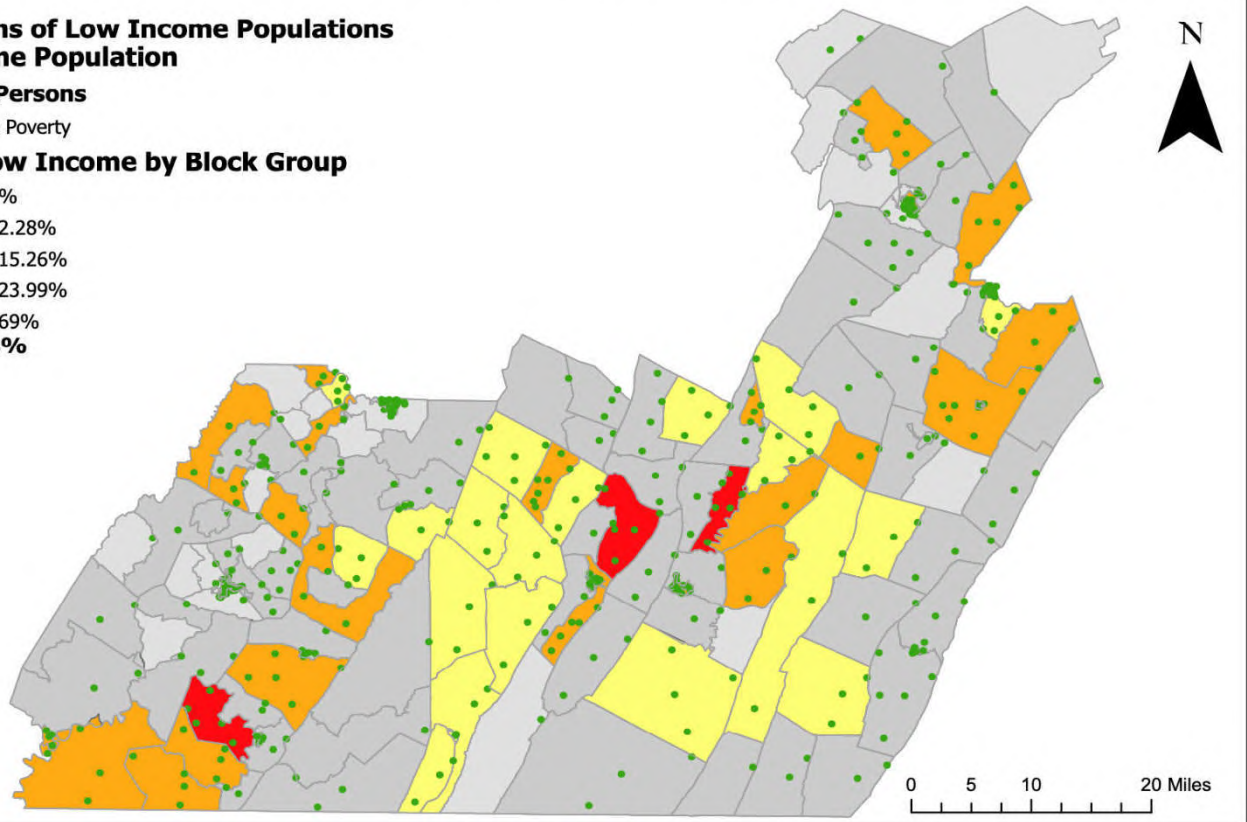
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- Persons in Poverty

Percent Low Income by Block Group

- 0% - 5.41%
- 5.42% - 12.28%
- 12.29% - 15.26%
- 15.27% - 23.99%
- 24% - 46.69%

Mean: 12.28%



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Concentrations of Minority Populations

Minority Population

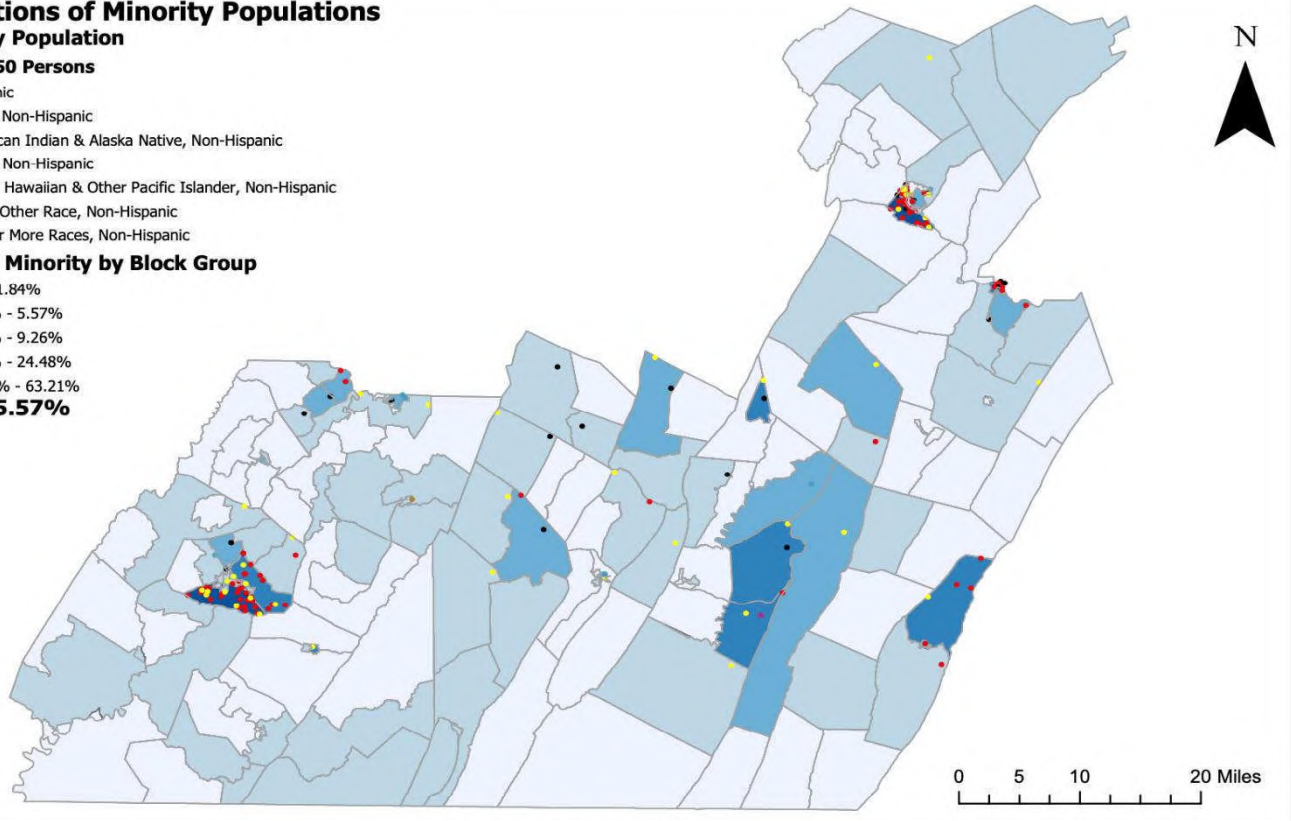
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- Hispanic
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- American Indian & Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic
- Asian, Non-Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic
- Some Other Race, Non-Hispanic
- Two or More Races, Non-Hispanic

Percent Minority by Block Group

- 0% - 1.84%
- 1.85% - 5.57%
- 5.58% - 9.26%
- 9.27% - 24.48%
- 24.49% - 63.21%

Mean: 5.57%



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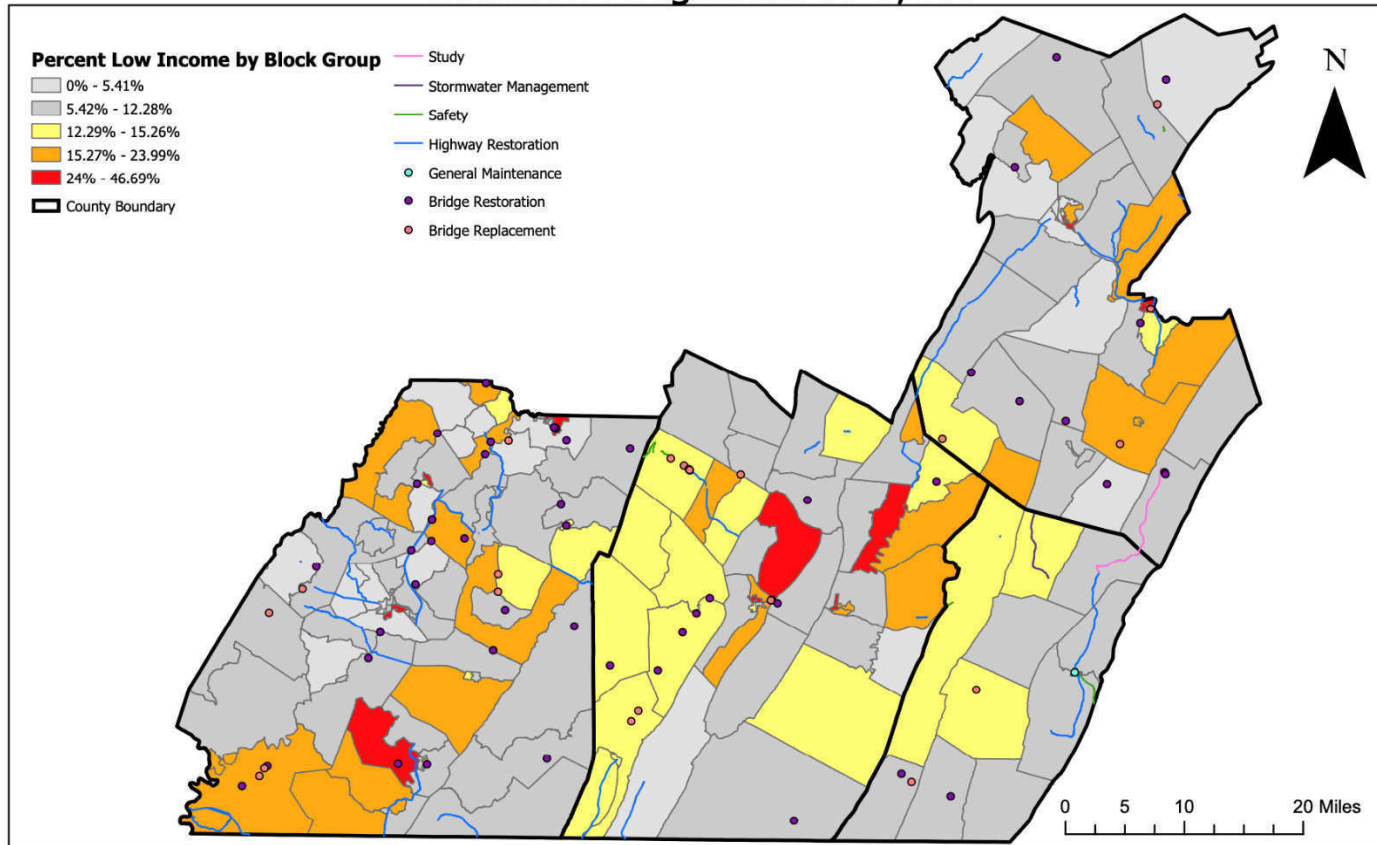
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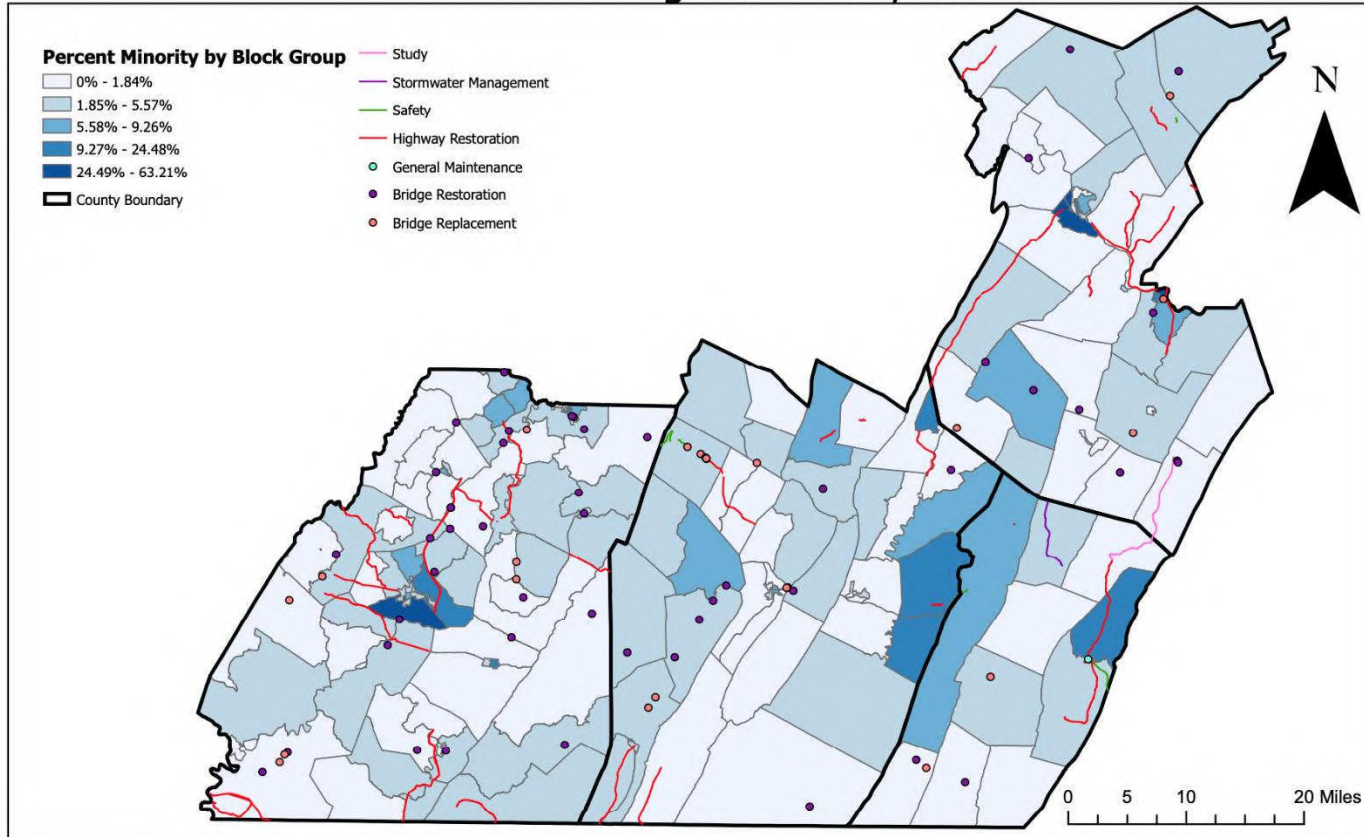
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Sworn to and subscribed before me the 5 day of June, 2020.

Debra D. Miller
Debra D. Miller, Notary Public

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