

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

January 25, 2024

**2a. Porchtown Road (CR 613) Bridge over Still Run at Iona Lake (DB #D2216),
Gloucester County**

From: Mark Matthews

Zip Code: 08096

Date Received: January 14, 2024

Comment/Question: Question is just to clarify that the new bridge will be developed with a spillway so that the water level of Iona Lake will be maintained?

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC'S Office of Capital Programs, and Gloucester County.

You are correct, the lake is going to be maintained. Concept design is done and is moving into preliminary engineering.

**2c. CR 581 (Commissioners Road), Bridge over Oldman's Creek (DB #D1906),
Gloucester County**

From: Mark Matthews

Zip Code: 08096

Date Received: January 14, 2024

Comment/Question: Just clarifying, this reads to me that in the new bridge design the spillway will not be recreated, and it is expected that Algonkin Lake will be reverted back to a stream... effectively the lake will disappear and be a stream instead? (Similar to the plans for Ewan Lake)

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC'S Office of Capital Programs, and Gloucester County.

You are correct, the lake is going to be reverted back to a stream and the dam is being decommissioned. The project is moving into final engineering.

From [Project Description](#): “The dam will be decommissioned, and the spillway removed. The bridge will be reconstructed with a 24’ wide clear waterway opening x 8’ high three-sided concrete structure. The roadway at the bridge crossing will be expanded to provide for two 12-foot wide lanes and two 8-foot wide shoulders.”

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ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

From: Richard Whiteford

Zip Code: 19382

Date Received: December 28, 2023

Comment/Question:

Route 100 in Exton is a six-lane highway with shopping centers and restaurants on both sides of the Road. The main intersection is where Route 30 crosses Route 100.

The Chester Valley Trail crosses East Route 30 and Route 100 at Commerce Drive, a very busy traffic area. It is a dangerous place for bikers or walkers to cross despite the traffic lights.

The Exton train station is about three city blocks from a huge townhouse development in the Main Street complex with more houses to be built.

It is very dangerous to try to cross these highways on foot or by bike to get to the train station and automobile parking is limited.

I see a very large need to build bike/walking overpasses at strategic places to make Exton more accessible to pedestrians. From north to south, I would suggest placing a walkover bridge at Sweedsford Road, one at Commerce Drive, and one somewhere where the Route 30 Bypass and Route 100 intersect close to the Exton SEPTA train station. That one may be the hardest to locate, but also the most needed bridge to provide bi-mobility for access to public transportation.

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Response: Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Office of Capital Programs, SEPTA, and Chester County Planning Commission.

In partnership with SEPTA, West Whiteland Township, and others, DVRPC conducted a planning study for the future facility development and access for Exton Train Station and its vicinity. This report was published in October 2018, and you can access it here:

<https://www.dvrpc.org/products/17014>. More recently, the Philadelphia chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) conducted a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) for Exton, which produced a report you can access here:

https://ulidigitalmarketing.blob.core.windows.net/ulidcnc/sites/28/2021/02/ULI_Philadelphia_TAP_Final.pdf. The township and regional partners, including SEPTA, have developed and advanced several improvement projects in this study area, including a PennDOT Multimodal Fund grant-funded project to provide sidewalk and crosswalk continuity from Main Street at Exton to the station.

There are two current projects in this vicinity on the FY2023 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). One is SEPTA's Exton Station project ([MPMS #93588](#)) which is focused on improving station amenities and bus access.

There is also PennDOT's PA 100 Northbound at Exton Station project ([MPMS #118025](#)), focused on low-cost intersection improvements.

If you are interested in further advancing other recommendations from DVRPC's 2018 planning study, or your own ideas for improvements in the Exton station area, we would encourage you to share your ideas and priorities with West Whiteland Township and with Chester County Planning Commission staff.