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**April 27, 2017**

**Agenda Item:**

**2c. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**  
**PA17-35: PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (2016).**  
**(Various MPMS #s), Various Counties**

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**Comment/Question:** re sidewalk project, Main street, in Yardley PA. Sidewalks are a safety and civil obligation of the municipality, just like road paving. However, was a study done to show the benefit of new sidewalks? Will there be new walkers? Is the whole stretch of sidewalks so bad it is unsafe, and why didn't the Municipality plan for that? Sidewalk projects like that should at least be cost-shared with the municipality since mainly municipal citizens, will use them. Is there a benefit to tourists? are there any tourists? Bottom line, how will the new sidewalks encourage more people to use them? That is the question that must be answered.

**Draft response:** Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, and PennDOT.

Located off of the I-95 ramp, Yardley Borough experiences high traffic volumes along many of the State Roads located within the borough. Main Street (SR 2071) in Yardley Borough, has an annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 9,451 vehicles with 3% truck traffic and currently does not have any sidewalks. To provide safe pedestrian access to its commercial corridor, Yardley Borough has been planning and developing a sidewalk plan for the past 10 years.

In addition to providing safe pedestrian access, the project will also increase circulation and connectivity to Main Street and the Delaware Canal Tow Path. With parking being limited within the center of the borough, sidewalks will provide both visitors and residents safe pedestrian access to this commercial main street from less dense areas that have more parking. This project will also provide tourists better access to the Delaware Canal Tow Path which is located parallel to Main Street. The Tow Path a recreational facility that draws in many regional and national tourists to the area who are

interested in the history of the Delaware Canal and scenic views of the Delaware River.

Additionally, the Multimodal Transportation Fund is a statewide competitive grant program for local governments, economic development organizations, and other multi-modal public transportation agencies to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization. As part of this program, each sponsor is required to commit a minimum local match of 30% in its grant request. More competitive grant applications provide greater than 30% match in their grant request amount. The specific level of local match for this project will be identified when the project agreement is processed.