



PA Turnpike Commission Construction Plan

By Carl DeFebo of PTC

HARRISBURG—The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission determined as of November 16, 2016, that an immediate reduction in capital spending is unnecessary for the time being; but commissioners approved a list of a half-dozen major projects—two new Turnpike extensions in the west and four new connections in the east—that it could suspend if future financial or economic conditions dictate. “Our analysis shows that there’s simply no benefit to making deeper cuts to our capital spending right now,” said Pennsylvania Turnpike Chairman Sean Logan of Monroeville. “Such a measure would have little or no impact on upcoming toll increases or on the debt needed to meet our funding obligations; furthermore, doing so would result in charging travelers more while they, in essence, get less value for their toll dollar and possibly even reduced safety. That just doesn’t add up.”

Earlier this year, Turnpike commissioners approved a reduced, ten-year capital plan that

was more affordable in light of the yearly toll hikes and escalating debt required to satisfy the commission’s annual payments to PennDOT as mandated by Act 44 of 2007 and Act 89 of 2013. In fact, the new spending plan of \$5.77 billion represents a cut of fourteen percent or \$1 billion in the next decade compared to the previous plan. “Further reductions to investment in our system could lead to lower bond ratings and put us on unstable financial ground by increasing borrowing costs,” Logan said. “Even more importantly, underfunding our core asset could endanger the condition of our pavement and bridges and consequently the safety of travelers.”

The six projects targeted for possible suspension are considered to be performance-driven projects—meaning they go above and beyond what is required to safely maintain the existing, 552-mile Pennsylvania Turnpike system. All six involve adding new extensions or new interchanges to the current Pennsylvania Turnpike. “We will continue to carefully monitor traffic and revenue to ensure sustained growth,” Logan said. “If and when a downturn should demand



action, commissioners can select from the deferral list to quickly lower capital costs and better enable us to meet our other funding priorities—upkeep of our aging toll-road network and our \$450 million annual payments to PennDOT.”

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