

I-71 Interchange - Facilitation Session

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Village of Sunbury Pre-Session Questions/Answers**

I. In 15-20 years, assuming the area adjacent to the interchange is fully developed, what is the ideal vision of what it looks like (types of development, service provision, funding/tax structure, etc.)?

Assuming the area around the interchange is to be fully developed commencing with the proposed outlet mall, the Village of Sunbury supports a carefully crafted comprehensive development plan for not only the area adjacent to the interchange are but extending east to the municipal limits of the Village of Sunbury. The ideal comprehensive plan would include a mix of land uses with a recognition of the importance of the interchange area to overall regional needs including school funding. Tax structures would have been thoughtfully and carefully created and implemented to facilitate not only the infrastructure development required to service current development but also to offset and address impacts to local schools, government and other public agencies. A thorough, integrated parks and recreational facilities plan would be incorporated to accommodate the current and future needs of residents. An identity for the planning area would have been discussed and encouraged through the planning documents. The resulting developed area would be known as a destination location with lasting viability for present and future generations.

II. What would need to happen in the next few weeks/months to make this vision a reality?

The next few weeks/months are viewed as a crucial time for local governments to acknowledge and agree that comprehensive planning for the area is not optional but instead critical for our collective future growth and the best long-term interests of area residents. An agreement including Berkshire Township and the Village of Sunbury must be finalized and executed formalizing a commitment to a united planning process. Needed planners, consultants and experts must be identified and engaged to assist with all disciplines of the comprehensive planning process. This would include provision of public services including roads, utilities, fire, police and EMS. It may also provide for identification of future annexation areas and no annexation areas. Financing, construction and maintenance of public infrastructure must be discussed as well as issuance of public debt for infrastructure and revenue sharing.

III. What are areas your organization is not willing to compromise on because they are extremely important to your community?

The Village of Sunbury does not wish to participate in any significant future development discussions or approvals which do not include a comprehensive overall plan. This plan must include:

- A. A comprehensive roadway network which addresses all traffic needs and provides for implementation to coincide with development.
- B. A future additional east-west connector between the freeway area and the Village of Sunbury must be incorporated to alleviate congestion upon US 36/SR37
- C. A new interchange which meets state, county and local design criteria must to improve the functioning of the current I71-US36/SR37 interchange.
- D. The ability of the Village of Sunbury to systematically and logically continue to expand its municipal borders must be maintained for future sustainability.

IV. What are areas your organization is willing to compromise on to provide the best overall solution for the region?

1. The Village of Sunbury is willing to consider establishing an annexation boundary which allows for logical future growth, recognizing both that this is important to our Township neighbors and also potentially in the best interests of Sunbury residents to effectuate a global solution to impending regional development.
2. The Village of Sunbury is also willing to consider extending wastewater service beyond its municipal boundaries as a part of the implementation of a comprehensive development plan for the area provided the Village of Sunbury is included in the allocation of tax district revenues.

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