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“York County Flooded Roadway Study, Addressing and Planning for Roadways Affected by Flooding Events within York County”

The York County Planning Commission (YCPC) on behalf of the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO)* announces the start of the public review and comment for the draft of the *York County Flooded Roadway Study*. You are invited to comment on the study draft (posted on www.ycpc.org) during that time. We are looking for flood-vulnerable locations not identified in the study, as well as additional information about flooding events and road closures in the County. The comment period will open May 14, 2018 and extend 30 days until June 12, 2018. Please submit all comments to Jephrey L. Rebert, Senior Transportation Planner at jrebert@ycpc.org. Comments will also be accepted through regular (USPS) mail at the following address: 28 East Market Street, Room 301, York, PA 17401-1580 and by telephone call, (717) 771-9870x1726.

The purpose of the study is twofold: it identifies roadways and bridges within York County that close due to flooding events; and it identifies which of these roadways/bridges should be taken into consideration the next time rehabilitation or resurfacing projects are proposed in the surrounding area. The goal of the study is to serve as an aid identifying locations that require flood proofing or flood resiliency when a project is funded through the YAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The study focuses on flooding events where a waterway crests its banks due to an intense rain event, closing a road and/or bridge. Widespread flooding and subsequent road closures caused Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 is an obvious example. The study does **not** address the inundation of this infrastructure by inadequate or clogged storm sewer systems and road surface ponding.

The YCPC Transportation staff collected flood event/road closure data from the following sources: PennDOT, York County Emergency Management Agency (a.k.a., “York County 911”) and York County municipalities. The flood-vulnerable locations identified in York County from all these data sources are shown on the enclosed map. A more detailed version of these locations are provided using this GIS viewer link:

<http://yorkcountypa.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=ae3822ca47424baba77eb3595ded450c#overview> .

The flood-vulnerability locations in the transportation system are placed into two groups, flood proofing and flood resiliency. *Flood proofing* identifies road and bridges at critical locations in the transportation system of York County where one road should remain open during flooding events. *Flood resiliency* identifies roads and bridges with the transportation system that are not considered for flood proofing, but they should be designed to be resilient to flooding events the next time improvements are considered here.

The Draft Study is available for review at the York County Planning Commission, 28 East Market Street, Room 301, York, PA 17401-1580. This document is also available on the YCPC website, www.ycpc.org.

The York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) is scheduled to act on this study at their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 A.M. on June 28, 2018. The meeting will be held in the York County Administration Center, 28 East Market Street, York, PA 17401-1580.

** The York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) is a local decision-making body for Federal and state transportation funding for York County.*

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