Invitation for Public Comment Elm Street Bridge Over Lackawanna River Project

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) proposes the replacement of the existing structure that carries Elm Street over the Lackawanna River in the City of Scranton. The bridge will be replaced on the same alignment to provide a safe and efficient crossing. The project also includes minor roadway approach reconstruction on Elm Street and Wyoming Avenue with mill and resurface operations limited to 3rd Avenue and South Washington Avenue. A 1.1 mile vehicular detour is proposed during construction. A temporary pedestrian bridge is proposed upstream of the existing Elm Street Bridge to accommodate pedestrian crossing of the Lackawanna River and pedestrian access to the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. During construction parking at the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail-Elm Street trailhead will be restricted to the southwest of the bridge. For this project, PennDOT will need to acquire approximately 324 square feet of right-of-way from the City of Scranton containing the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail-Elm Street trailhead. The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail/Elm Street trailhead qualifies as a Section 4(f) park and recreational resource pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of information **USDOT** found 1966. More on Section 4(f) can be www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/4f/4fpolicy.asp#ident

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