



Cultural Resources Submission

DATE: November 8th, 2024

SUBJECT:

District: 4-0
County: Wayne Municipality: Damascus Township
SR: 1002 Section: E24
Project Name: SR 1002 ov Delaware River 2024
MPMS Number: 122260
SHPO Review Number:
SHPO Concurrence Requested: No

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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Engineering District 4-0 is posting a Section 106 process update on the Skinners Falls Bridge Emergency Removal project. The PennDOT District 4-0 CRP is currently working with both the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) and the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NY SHPO) on a plan to carefully disassemble and store the structure following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (SOI Standards).

The agencies are coordinating on this disassembly and storage plan in order to preserve the character defining features of the structure as PennDOT and NYSDOT continues to work through the PEL study and future project for the crossing. Various alternatives, including rehabilitation of the bridge to the SOI standards are still under consideration for the bridge. To ensure that this rehabilitation alternative can continue to be carried forward, PennDOT, NYSDOT, FHWA, PA SHPO and NY SHPO are working on an agreement document that allows for the preservation of the bridge components, while also maintaining public safety in the area.

Further documentation on this careful disassembly will be coming shortly as the project team works through the planning and coordination process with the contractor. The bridge components will be stored at the District 4-0 Waymart Stockpile in trailers to protect the pieces from further elemental damage.

The Section 106 Consulting Parties will have the opportunity to review the draft agreement document and disassembly plan once they are available on our PATH website. Consulting Parties may also offer comments on the proposed plan for the careful disassembly and storage of the Skinners Falls Bridge during the public meeting to be held on November 14th, 2024. As well as at any point through out the project process by contacting Heather Gerling through the information provided below.

If you have any questions about this posting, please contact Heather Gerling at 570-368-4414 or at hgerling@pa.gov.

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