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Shapiro Administration Investment to Make Route 33 Safety Improvements Nearly Four Years Faster than Planned

By PenDot Sean Brown | Safety Press Officer

Stroudsburg, PA – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Mike Carroll today announced that safety improvements on Route 33 in Monroe County will happen nearly four years faster due to a new \$13.2 million federal funding commitment from the department.



“The Shapiro Administration is focused not only on improving our roads and bridges, but also on making investments that make it safer to travel in Pennsylvania,” Carroll said. “I’m pleased that we can build on work already completed under this administration to accelerate even more safety improvements on this roadway.”

The project involves installing a concrete median barrier, roadway milling, concrete patching, paving, guide rail upgrades, drainage improvements, and pavement markings on Route 33 from Lower Cherry Valley Road to Bossardsville Road in Hamilton Township, Monroe County. Instead of going out for bid in

April 2030, the project will go out for bid in September 2026 and is estimated to be completed in summer 2028.

The enhancements build on a project completed in 2024 that included median shoulder construction and median barrier upgrades, installed guide rail on the outer shoulder, and installed shoulder rumble strips from the Monroe/Northampton County line to Saylorburg.

The estimated \$13.2 million in federal funding will be invested through the statewide Secretary’s Discretionary program which allows the department and regional planning partners to advance much-needed projects in addition to other regional priorities on the state’s 12-year transportation program.

Route 33 project will go out for bid in fall 2026 instead of spring 2030. Following record \$3.3 billion in construction contracts going out for bid statewide in 2025, the project will be part of another anticipated record-breaking year of construction bids.

Under Governor Josh Shapiro’s Administration, 19,313 miles of roadway have been improved and work has advanced on 1,661 state and local bridges.



L-R Eileen Miller, (PennDOT) Secretary Mike Carroll, Senator Rosemary Brown
Eileen Miller, who tragically lost her son, Paul Miller Jr., when a distracted tractor-trailer driver crossed the median on Route 33 and struck his vehicle. Extending the concrete barrier is a critical step toward preventing similar tragedies and protecting families in our community.



Body Worlds 101 at Da Vinci Science Center at PPL Pavilion

By Tamara Krizek,

ALLENTOWN, PA, – Da Vinci Science Center announces the opening of Body Worlds 101. This internationally recognized exhibition offers guests an opportunity to explore the human body in remarkable detail using real human specimens preserved through the groundbreaking technique of plastination. Visitors of all ages will gain a deeper understanding of the systems, structures, and processes that keep the human body functioning.

Members of the media and special guests are invited to a preview on Friday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Whalley, curator of Body Worlds 101, will be present to offer exclusive insight into the exhibition, share behind the scenes information, and answer questions about the specimens and the scientific stories featured throughout the experience.

Body Worlds 101 gives guests an unparalleled look at human anatomy. Full body plastinates, individual organs, and detailed anatomical slices illustrate how the body works from both a functional and structural perspective. Visitors can see firsthand the mechanisms that sustain life and observe the interplay between anatomy and daily activity.

The exhibition also provides a clear and accessible understanding of common health concerns such as arthritis, heart disease, and lung conditions. Through visual examples and informative displays, guests will learn how these ailments affect the body and why prevention and healthy habits matter.

A central theme of Body Worlds 101 is the resilience and adaptability of the human body. Through thoughtful displays, the exhibition highlights the relationship between lifestyle and long term well-being, encouraging visitors to reflect on their own health, choices, and potential.

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