



## READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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TO: Reading Area Transportation Study Technical Committee  
Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee

FROM: Alan D. Piper, Transportation Planner III

DATE: April 30, 2026

RE: Confirmation of e-Ballot for SR 737 (Krumsville Road) Slope Repair MPMS# 117723

In early April, PennDOT has informed us of the need to conduct an e-Ballot regarding an Amendment to the FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

This Amendment is required to add \$750,000 for Preliminary Engineering for the SR 737 (Krumsville Road) Slope Repair project (MPMS#117723) on the FFY 2025 RATS TIP.

The proposal is as follows:

### **MPMS 117723 – SR 737 (Krumsville Road Slope Repair (Addition of Preliminary Engineering to FFY 2025-28 TIP)**

This project involves the identification and repair of slope failures along Krumsville Road (SR 737) between Kutztown Borough and I-78 in Greenwich Township.

This highway serves as a major connector between US 222 and I-78 and is marked by both narrow and/or failing shoulders, high truck volumes, and local traffic that can include horse and buggies.

A Study phase was included on the FFY 23-26 TIP funded with State 581 dollars.

The Study has been completed and PennDOT would like to advance funding for the preparation of Preliminary Engineering to the FFY 25-28 TIP (current).

Since this project does not have any previous federal obligations and is not programmed on the current TIP, it would be considered an amendment.

This project phase was not advanced on the draft FFY 2027-30 TIP due to a lack of available funding. PennDOT would rather not wait until after the May MPO meetings to get the eSTIP approved and 4232 processed and the funds in place.

Conducting an email ballot will help to fast track the process and get into PE.

## **Funding Requested**

Original Estimate in FFY 2025 TIP - \$0.00

Increase Required - \$750,000

PennDOT is requesting approval of \$750,000 for Preliminary Engineering on the FFY 2025 RATS TIP to enable the project to proceed to the design phase.

The project is consistent with both the current Reading MPO FFY 2023-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as well as the draft FFY 2027-2050 LRTP.

## **Funding Source**

The funding source will be from the PennDOT Central Office PROTECT Reserve line item.

These funds are above and beyond our base allocation and represent additional funds to the region.

The RATS Technical and Coordinating Committees were forwarded the information above along with associated fiscal constraint table documenting the recommended moves by an e-Ballot on April 6, 2026. A YES vote was asked to approve the action providing the additional funds for the SR 737 project.

### **The results were as follows:**

#### Technical Committee

Nonnemaker – Yes (4/6/26)

Piper – Yes (4/6/26)

Golembiewski – Yes (4/6/26)

Edwards – Not Voting

Zeiber – Yes (4/6/26)

Boatman – Yes (4/6/26)

Tempesco – Not Voting

Vottero (Chair) - Tie Break Only

**Approved 5-0 w/ two not voting.**

#### Coordinating Committee

Green – Yes (4/6/26)

Rivera – Yes (4/6/26)

Santoni – Yes (4/6/26)

McKeon – Yes (4/8/26)

Rowe – Yes (4/6/26)

Lambert – Not Voting

Hoffa – Yes (4/6/26)

Reed – Yes (4/6/26)

Downing – Yes (4/6/26)

Kufro (Chair) - Tie Break Only

**Approved 8-0 w/ one not voting**

Confirmation of these ballot results is requested of both the Technical and Coordinating Committees at their May meetings (5/7/26 - Technical) (5/21/26 - Coordinating