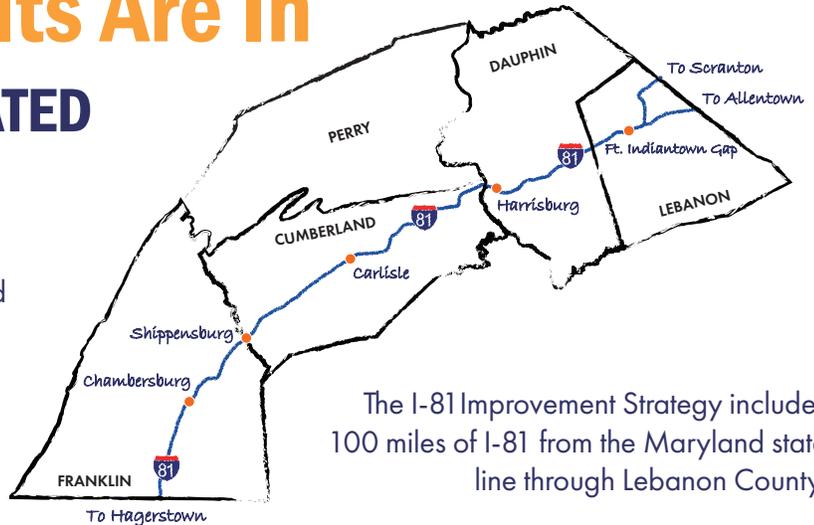




Online Survey Results Are In MORE THAN 1,160 PARTICIPATED

In December 2019, an online survey was launched to identify what issues matter most to the motorists who travel along the I-81 corridor. The feedback gathered will be used, along with traffic data, local development trends and asset management data, to identify and prioritize focus areas for future discussion for public review. Below is a summary of the online summary feedback gathered.



MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNTY

Franklin County



Cumberland County



Dauphin County



Lebanon County



SURVEY PARTICIPANT PROFILE*

How often do you use I-81?



34% Few times weekly
22% Less than weekly

What mode of transportation do you primarily use on I-81?



3% Carpool
5% Other

Why do you choose to travel on I-81?



33% Live/Work near I-81
17% Only realistic option
13% Other

For what reasons do you travel on I-81?



25% Shopping
17% Entertainment
17% Other

*Survey responses are not representative of all I-81 drivers, only those who submitted survey responses.

Stakeholders Engaged to Date

PLANNING PARTNERS WORKED TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY NEEDS ALONG THE CORRIDOR

The first joint workshop was conducted among the I-81 regional planning partners in coordination with PennDOT and FHWA to collectively discuss, identify and collaborate on the needs and challenges in the corridor as it relates to safety, congestion, condition and access.

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS PROVIDED CRITICAL FEEDBACK ON SAFETY

Planners met with traffic incident management professionals to obtain feedback on corridor safety improvement needs. Participants provided valuable feedback on safety factors such as: physical bottlenecks, traffic incidents, work zones, traffic control devices, and special events. Addressing these root causes can help maximize not only safety but also the corridor's existing capacity.

INTERVIEWS WITH KEY SHIPPERS ALONG I-81 IN SOUTH CENTRAL PA

Interviews with freight generating companies and carriers along the corridor were conducted to learn about the challenges and needs that impact freight movement in the corridor, facility expansion and growth, how the industry will evolve in the face of the changing technology, and where they go for planning and development data.

MUNICIPAL OUTREACH KEY TO UNDERSTANDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

There are 121 municipalities located within the I-81 corridor and traffic in each is impacted to varying degrees by the Interstate. We have reached out to each municipality for feedback with an emphasis on learning about proposed and planned regionally significant developments. To date, we have identified more than 100 developments or potential parcels for development.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

The Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce and Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation hosted the first-ever South Central PA workshop for representatives of the I-81 corridor chambers of commerce and economic development organizations to discuss challenges along the corridor and to share feedback relevant to the I-81 Improvement Strategy.

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Stakeholders identified major issues along the I-81 corridor

SAFETY

- Precarious, unsafe and congested merge points
- Rapid lane changes
- Limited truck parking areas
- Short entrance and exit ramps

CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

- Ineffective detours and incident management
- Speed differentials caused by speed limit changes, slower trucks passing in the left lane, and merge points with slower moving entering vehicles
- Road maintenance during peak hours, which causes congestion

ACCESS AND DEVELOPMENT

- Poor partnership and planning-concerned decisions on new developments
- Accessibility of nearby military installations
- Insufficient investment in transportation infrastructure
- Absence of resources for commuters such as adequate transit facilities and ride shares
- Negative long-term impacts from rapid development

INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION

- Poor pavement conditions and stormwater management

OTHER

- Recruiting/Retaining Drivers – Hindered by federal regulations; wages not keeping pace with required enforcement resulting in lost income
- Overweight Permits – Differs by state, resulting in separate compliance requirements

What's Next

Opportunities for public feedback will continue through:

- Interactive website @ www.i81SouthCentralPA.com
- Public meeting, surveys and interviews

Public updates will be shared through email, press releases and social media.

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