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Cumberland and York Counties to Host Public Meeting on Slate Hill Road and Sheepford Road Bridges

Cumberland County, PA- Cumberland County in partnership with York County will be hosting a public meeting on November 15, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Fairview Township Fire Department (340 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the future of the Slate Hill Road and Sheepford Road Bridges that cross the Yellow Breeches Creek in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County and Fairview Township, York County.

Routine annual inspections revealed deterioration to both bridges that will require significant repair in the future. In response, Cumberland and York Counties initiated a study to evaluate the long-term options for both bridges. The study considered cost, traffic volumes, growth potential, emergency response, environmental challenges, and historic preservation requirements to develop repair, replacement, and closure alternatives for both bridges. The format of the meeting will be an open house where residents can attend at their convenience between 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM to view information on both bridges, talk with staff from both counties, and provide input on the various alternatives.

Built in 1899, Slate Hill Road Bridge is a structurally deficient, stone arch bridge that currently has a 3 ton weight limit and carries over 1,600 vehicles per day. Built in 1877, Sheepford Road Bridge is a structurally deficient iron thru-truss bridge that has a 5 ton weight limit and carries 300 vehicles per day. The bridges cross the Yellow Breeches Creek approximately 1.5 miles apart from one another.

To learn more about Cumberland County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which details over \$14 million of bridge replacement or repair projects in the next 6 years visit online at www.ccpa.net/planning.

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