# **SR 0100-13M BETTERMENT PROJECT**

Upper Macungie Township, PA

Under \$20M

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ASHE East Penn Section Submission

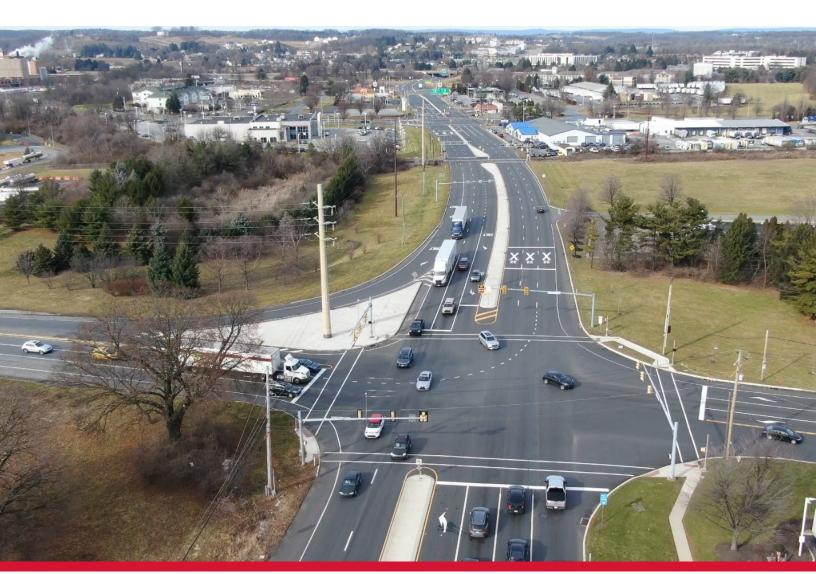


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# **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

#### INTRODUCTION

The SR 0100-13M Betterment Project in Upper Macungie Township (UMT), Lehigh County, PA involved 1.36 miles of SR 0100 full depth reconstruction between Industrial Boulevard and SR 1002 (Main Street/Tilghman Street). Milling and overlay of the I-78 interchange ramps, as well as the SR 0100 northern/southern limits (because of traffic control shifts), were also included. This project included storm sewer improvements, curb replacement, upgraded traffic signal equipment, ADA ramp improvements, water main relocation, and a new cantilever sign structure.

The project was substantially completed in December 2022 at an approximate cost of \$19.6 million.

#### **COMPLEXITY**

#### **Regional Mobility**

SR 0100, once a small road in the 1930s with little traffic, has grown to become an integral part of the transportation network for Lehigh County's industrial and commercial businesses (refer to Photo 1). The current average daily traffic is over 34,000 vehicles with approximately 20% trucks. The reconstructed SR 0100 section includes four high demand intersections, an I-78 interchange, and an atgrade railroad crossing with Norfolk Southern. This heavily traveled corridor was pieced together and widened over the decades and needed a complete reconstruction.

The SR 0100 Section 13M Betterment Project reconstructed the four and six lane roadway while maintaining the existing curb-to-curb width, existing drainage outfall elevations, and traffic flow during construction.

#### **Under the Surface**

Since SR 0100 was developed and widened at different times over the years in several different segments, straightforward design elements became much more challenging.

Pavement. The existing pavement consists of various depths and materials, including concrete overlay sections and full depth asphalt sections. Several alternatives were analyzed in design. A bonded concrete overlay on asphalt (BCOA) was originally selected in preliminary design due to its ability to accommodate heavy truck traffic. However, in final design, BCOA was replaced with a full depth asphalt and a Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA) wearing course (refer to Plan 1). This was decided because the traffic control complexity was not conducive to constructing BCOA.

**Utilities.** The underground utilities through this section of SR 0100 included water, communications, and sewer. An existing water main was found to largely fluctuate elevation and meandered through several sections of the existing drainage. Utility relocations were unavoidable.

**Drainage.** The SR 0100 existing drainage networks conveyed flow offsite and outside of the project limits; therefore, all existing outfalls and tie-in elevations had to be maintained. With a deeper pavement section, multiple utility conflicts, and the requirement to maintain existing outfall elevations, the proposed stormwater network design involved many iterations (refer to Plan 2).

#### **Keeping Traffic Moving**

Project complexity continued with traffic control. Reconstruction required lane reductions while staying within the existing curblines. A multi-segmented and staged approach was selected, providing less delay and duration of construction to residents and business owners along SR 0100.

The final traffic control plan consisted of five segments, twenty stages, sixteen minor road and township road detours, railroad preemption coordination, and forty-two temporary signal plans (refer to Photo 2 and Plan 3 for traffic control at Ramp G).

# NEW APPLICATION OF EXISTING TECHNIQUES / ORIGINALITY / INNOVATION

This project included three unique elements:

**Traffic Signal Phase Removal.** Reducing SR 0100 by one lane in each direction during construction would increase morning and evening peak hour queues and overall motorist delay.

Gannett Fleming (GF) reduced existing SR 0100 four-phase traffic signals to two or three phases during construction using minor street approach closures and local road detours. This approach eliminated the associated yellow and all-red times, increased the amount of SR 0100 green time, and subscribed to the "keep traffic moving" philosophy for the project.

Segmented Traffic Control. The original design called for traditional traffic control staging, consisting of four main stages along SR 0100 between Industrial Boulevard and SR 1002: 1) median removal, 2) shift traffic and reconstruct one side, 3) shift traffic again and construct the other side, and 4) median construction.

The idea of segmented traffic control separated the project into five shorter sections; contractor New Enterprise Stone and Line (NESL) condensed this to three segments during construction to make up for lost time during Covid (refer to Photo 3). While segmented traffic control slightly lengthened the overall duration, it utilized similar staging and addressed economic considerations expressed by the municipality and its stakeholders (see the Social/Economic Considerations section).

Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA). As discussed in the Complexity section, GF considered several pavement options before selecting a SMA surface course. Heavy truck traffic throughout the corridor demanded a durable pavement which could accommodate it. SMA offers increased rut resistance, relies on stone-to-stone contact for its strength, and is a rich mortar binder to provide durability. This

application is relatively new to PennDOT District 5-0 and required coordination with PennDOT Central Office before implementing it into the design.

#### SOCIAL/ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

**Social Considerations.** Through public meetings, GF listened to business owners who voiced concerns from prior SR 0100 projects about the anticipated length of time that construction would occur in front of their establishments.

GF addressed this concern by designing segmented traffic control, which reduced the time that construction work occurred in front of a given location from years to months. During construction, our team coordinated with these business owners before and during construction to ensure that their access needs were accommodated.

**Economic Considerations.** The recommended pavement was an economic consideration when GF performed the pavement alternative analysis and final pavement design. Current and future traffic conditions historically favored a conventional full-depth Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement. However, the combination of its higher cost (compared to asphalt) and placement of joints in a constrained work area while maintaining two lanes of traffic in each direction proved restrictive. GF strongly considered a bonded concrete overlay on asphalt (BCOA) option that was approximately 73% lower than the cost of PCC, but similar issues with the PCC pavement did not allow for easy construction. Both concrete options would also result in longer work zone durations and future maintenance requirements, which would likely have negative economic impacts on local businesses. Ultimately, GF and District 5-0 recommended full-depth reconstruction with an asphalt pavement section with an SMA wearing course, which was more cost effective (approximately 27% lower) than fulldepth PCC based on the life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA).

#### **SAFETY**

Gannett Fleming met with UMT's Good Neighbor Coalition (GNC) early in project design for community input. The GNC was formed to enhance safety, given the growing volume of traffic in UMT. Some examples of safety in the design are:

Weekend Intersection Closures. Full reconstruction of each of the Schantz Road and Penn Drive intersections was accomplished through three partial weekend intersection closures. Refer to Plans 4 and 5 for a weekend closure example to work in the eastern side and middle of the Schantz Road intersection.

These closures included either full or partial side street detours, maintained SR 0100 through traffic, eliminated traffic signal control, and limited side street approaches to right-in, and stop-controlled right-out movements. In construction, these closures limited turning movements and allowed adequate work zones for worker safety.

Business Coordination. During Segment 2 construction, impatient SR 0100 northbound motorists utilized the Gerber Collision driveway to cut through the property to make a right turn onto Penn Drive. After several observed near misses between these motorists and employees/customers, Gerber Collision requested that NESL supply a temporary concrete barrier to block their SR 0100 driveway during construction (refer to Photo 4).

#### **AESTHETICS AND SUSTAINABLE FEATURES**

Aesthetics. Prior to construction, SR 0100 was riddled with deteriorated pavement, different pavement materials, and spalling medians and curbs. SR 0100 now has a new durable SMA wearing course, new medians and curbs, and new pavement markings and signs.

Aesthetically, this corridor has been refreshed significantly to the point that a municipal representative equated SR 0100 to a new racetrack (refer to Photo 5).

Sustainability. The selection of full-depth pavement and SMA wearing course was largely due to sustainability. As industrial and commercial properties continue to develop in the area, demand for this corridor will continue to grow. The pavement structure accounts for this growth as follows:

- Geotextile was placed at the subgrade to separate poor soils from the new pavement structure.
- SMA is specially designed to resist rutting from large truck traffic.

# MEETING AND EXCEEDING OWNER'S/CLIENT'S NEEDS

The project team included the following:

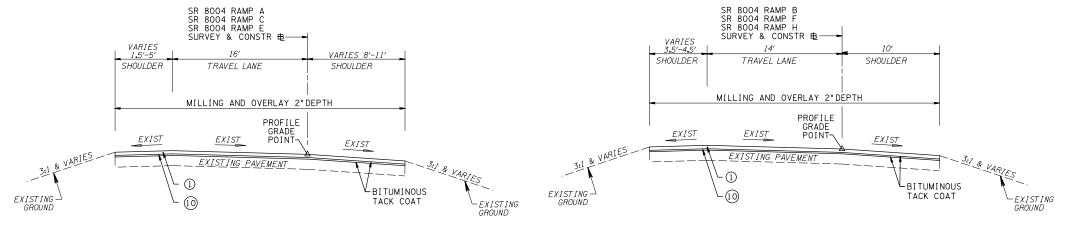
- Gannett Fleming, Inc. (prime consultant), Malick & Scherer, P.C. (subconsultant), Lotus Environmental Consulting (subconsultant)
- PennDOT District 5-0 (client)
- New Enterprise Stone and Lime, Inc. (contractor)

Throughout design and construction, the team approach was used at every level. Open and honest communication about critical components such as the following resulted in the project's success.

- Pavement selection
- Traffic control selection
- Traffic control revisions during construction

Client's thoughts. "Route 100 now has quality pavement and drainage; this allows for safe and efficient travel within the project limits. It was constructed with minimal disruption to the traveling public (as minimal as this type of construction can be). The team was reliable and cooperative, making the process run smoothly and efficiently." Kerry Cox, PE, District 5-0 Project Manager

# CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS



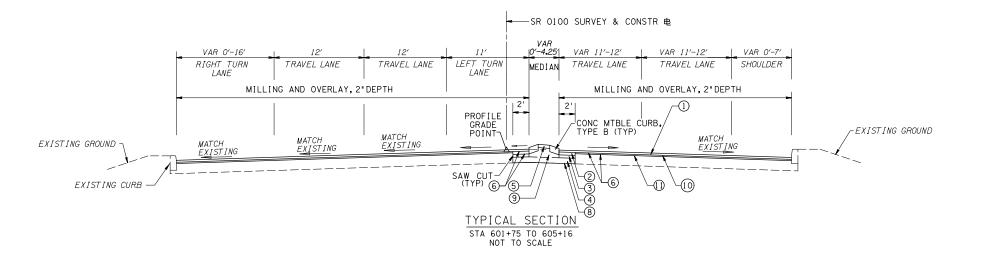
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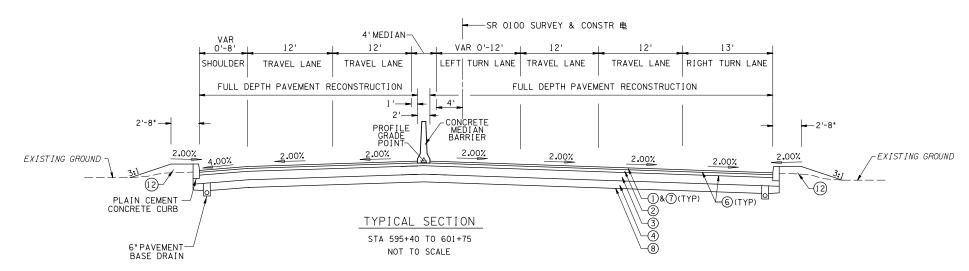
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SR 8004 RAMP A STA 11+94.28 TO 17+23.98 AND STA 20+70.79 TO 24+24.00 SR 8004 RAMP C STA 70+97.00 TO 74+73.31 AND STA 75+98.65 TO 80+13.44 SR 8004 RAMP E STA 141+83.85 TO 144+45.04 AND STA 151+08.10 TO 154+26.00

#### TYPICAL SECTION

SR 8004 RAMP B STA 45+38.00 TO 49+26.41 AND STA 52+99.55 TO 59+02.05 SR 8004 RAMP F STA 175+25.00 TO 179+96.44 AND STA 186+04.10 TO 188+94.56 SR 8004 RAMP H STA 242+96.18 TO 248+95.41 AND STA 250+00.52 TO 254+72.00 NOT TO SCALE





#### LEGEND

- () STONE MATRIX ASPHALT MIXTURE DESIGN, WMA
  WEARING COURSE, RPS, PG 76-22, 9.5 MM MIX, 1 1/2\*
  DEPTH, SRL-E (SEE FINAL WEARING NOTE)
- SUPERPAVE ASPHALT MIXTURE DESIGN, WMA BINDER COURSE, PG 76-22, 10 TO < 30 MILLION ESALS, 19.0 MM MIX, (4 1/2 DEPTH) (SEE FINAL WEARING NOTF)
- (3) SUPERPAVE ASPHALT MIXTURE DESIGN, WMA BASE COURSE, PG 64-22, 0.3 TO < 3.0 MILLION ESALS, 25.0 MM MIX, 10"DEPTH
- 4) SUBBASE 8" DEPTH (NO. 2A)
- PLAIN CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT, 4"DEPTH
- 6 BITUMINOUS TACK COAT
- MILLING OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT SURFACE, 1 1/2" DEPTH, MILLED MATERIAL RETAINED BY CONTRACTOR (SEE FINAL WEARING NOTE)
- (8) GEOTEXTILE, CLASS 4, TYPE A
- SUBBASE (NO. 2A) (INCIDENTAL TO CONCRETE MOUNTABLE CURB
- (i) SUPERPAVE ASPHALT MIXTURE DESIGN, WMA
  WEARING COURSE (LEVELING), PG 76-22, 10 TO
  < 30 MILLION ESALS, 9.5 MM MIX, SRL-L
  (USE AS SCRATCH COURSE 75 LB/SY)
- (I) MILLING OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT SURFACE, 2\*DEPTH, MILLED MATERIAL RETAINED BY CONTRACTOR (SEE FINAL WEARING NOTE)
- TOPSOIL FURNISHED AND PLACED AND SEEDING AND SOIL SUPPLEMENTS FORMULA B

#### FINAL WEARING NOTE:

4 1/2\*BINDER IS TO BE PLACED TO FINAL ROADWAY ELEVATION. MILLING AND OVERLAY OF ENTIRE SR 0100 CORRIDOR AND INTERCHANGE RAMPS IS TO BE DONE ONCE TRAFFIC CONTROL SEGMENTS 1 THRU 5 ARE COMPLETED. SEE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

#### CONC MEDIAN BARRIER INSTALLATION

MILL 2\*DEPTH FROM FINAL GRADE TO PLACE BARRIER WHEN BARRIER CANNOT BE INSTALLED DURING FULL DEPTH CONSTRUCTION DUE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL STAGING.

#### UNSUITABLE MATERIAL NOTE:

OVER-EXCAVATION OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL BENEATH THE PROPOSED SUBBASE AND BACKFILLING IS PAID UNDER ITEM 9000-0002.

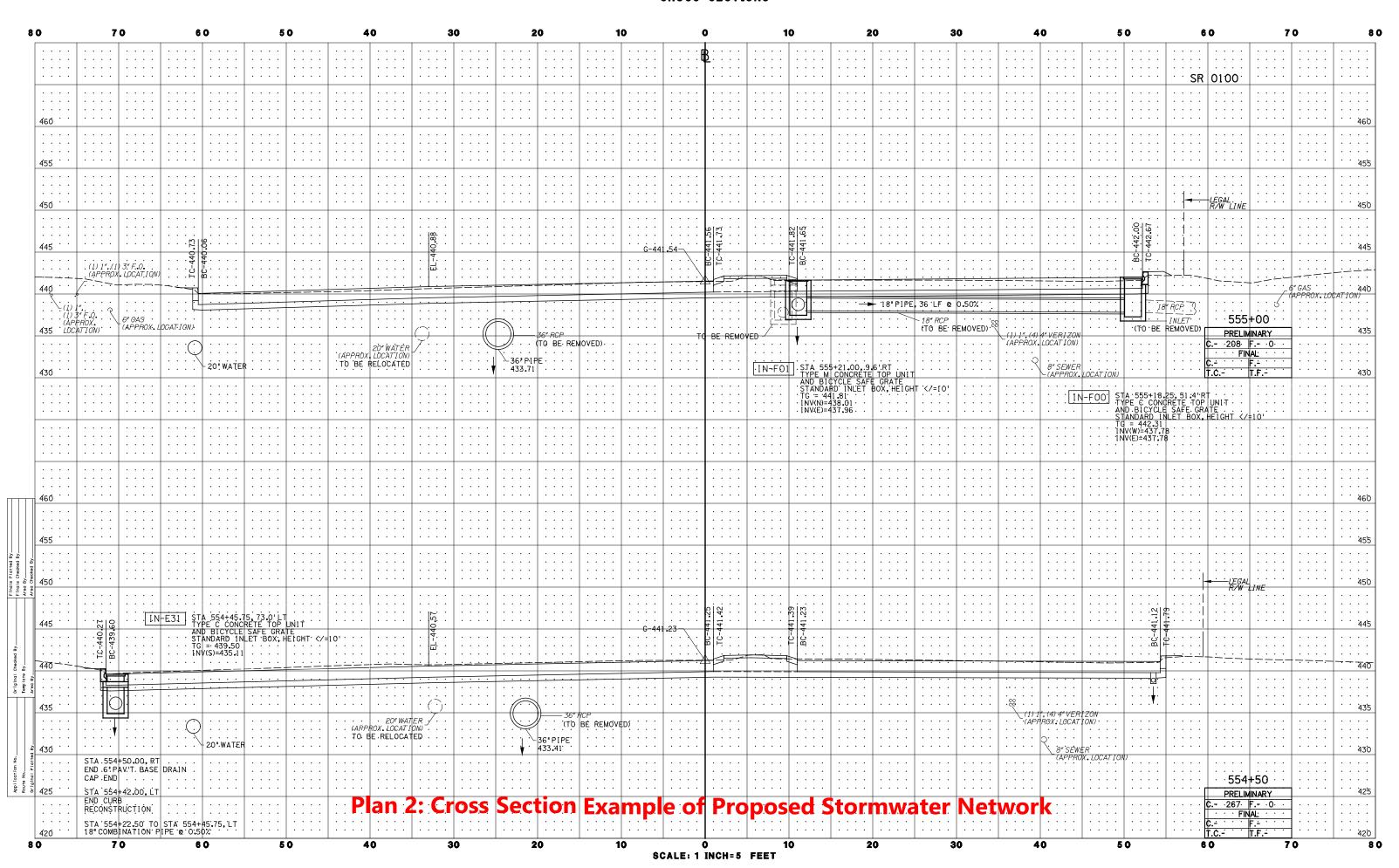


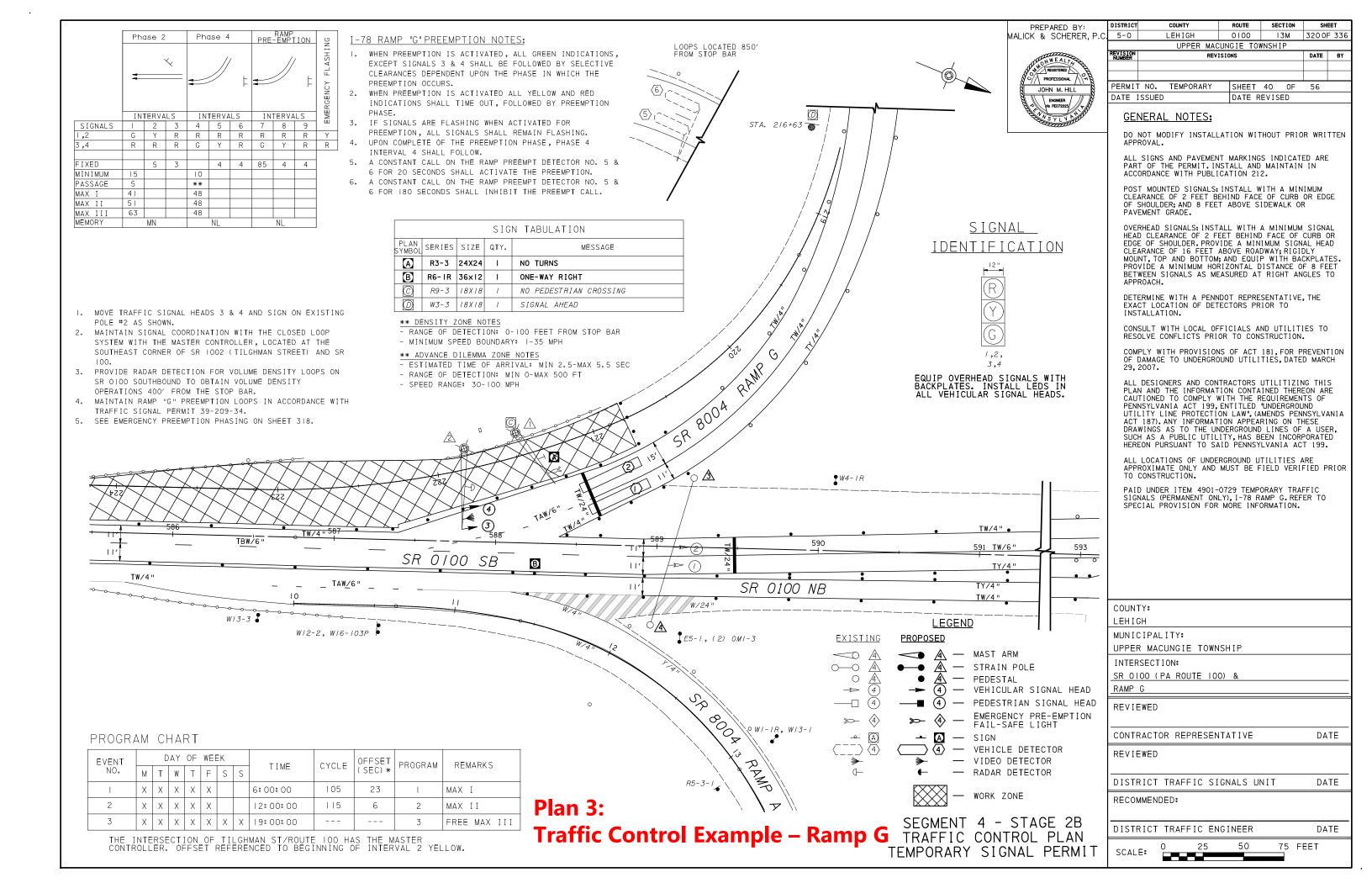
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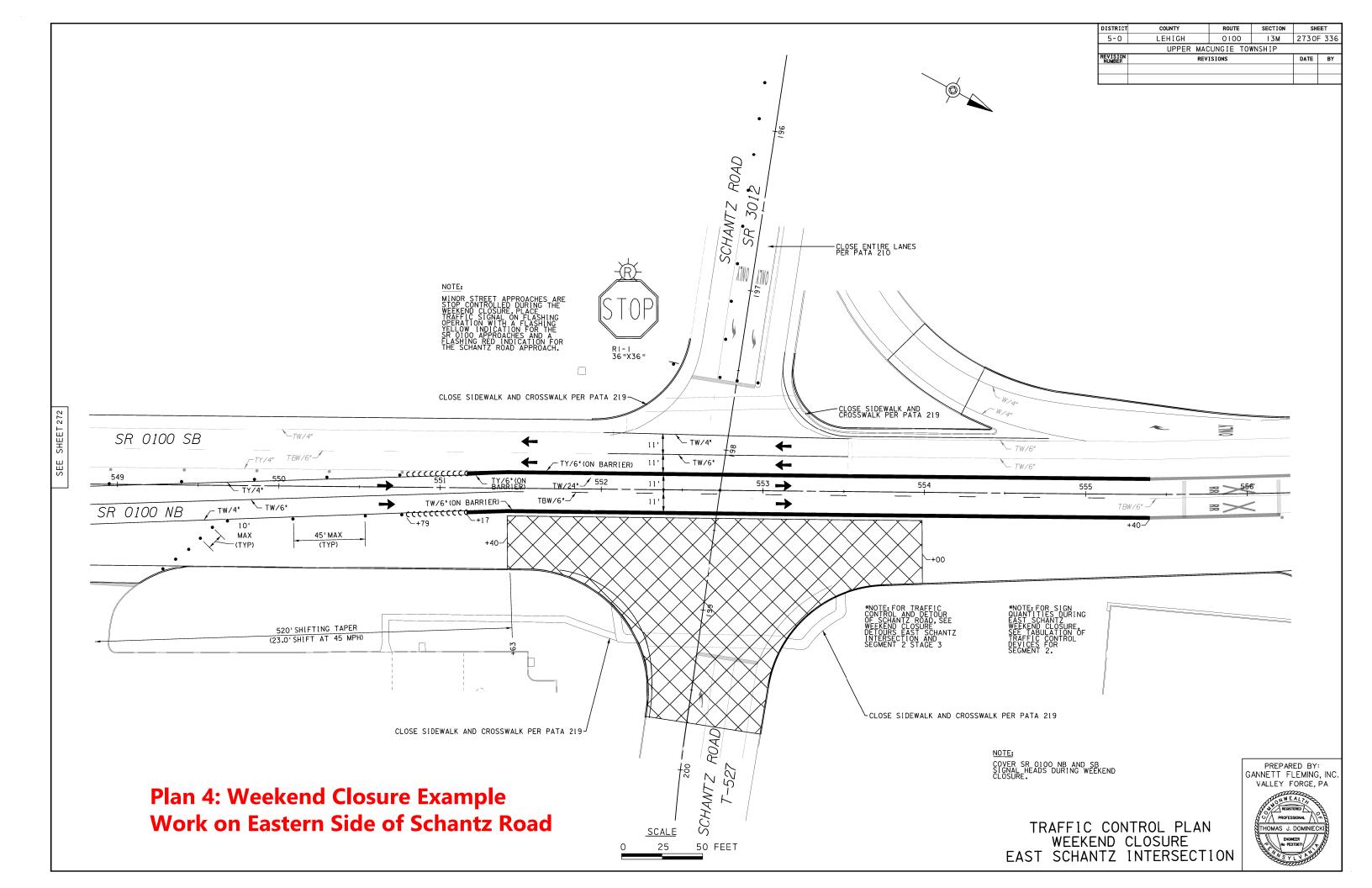
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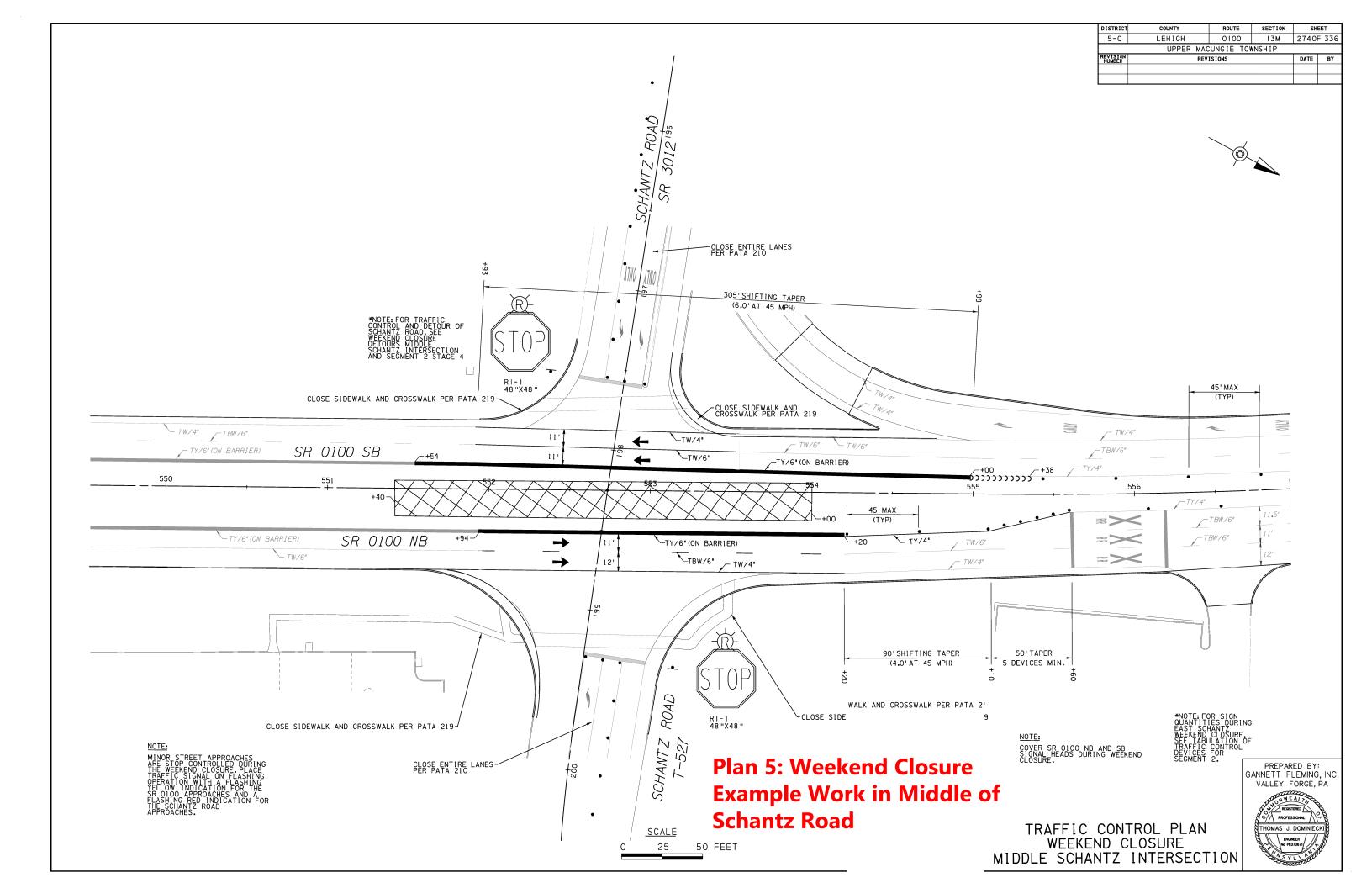
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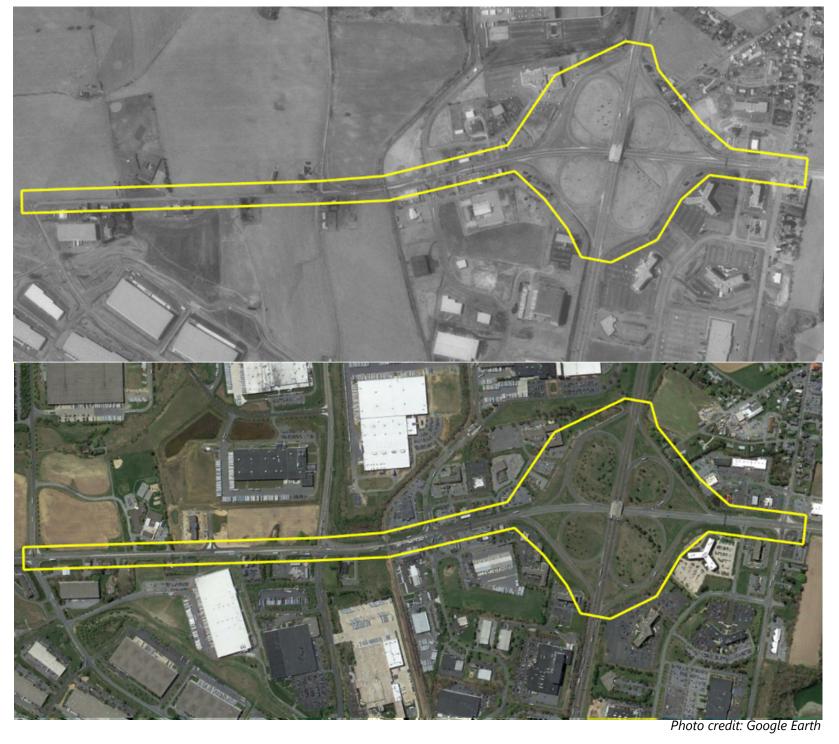


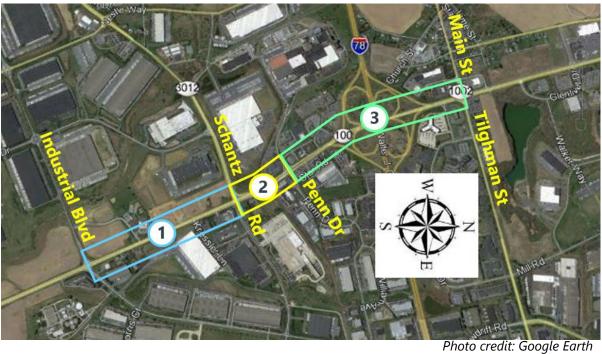
Photo 1: Industrial and Commercial Growth Along the SR 0100 Corridor Between 1992 (Top) and 2017 (Bottom)



Photo Credit: Nick Giglio, Urban Engineers

**Photo 2: Traffic Control Example – Ramp G** 





**Photo 3: Reduction of Traffic Control Segments from 5 Segments (Top) to 3 Segments (Bottom)** 



**Photo 4: Temporary Concrete Barrier to Address Gerber Collision Safety Concern** 



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**Photo 5: SR 0100 Aesthetics** 

# VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

#### Dominiecki, Thomas J.

From: Ulshafer, Calvin M <culshafer@pa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 11:47 AM

**To:** Dominiecki, Thomas J. **Cc:** Reber, Matthew S.; Cox, Kerry

**Subject:** RE: [External] SR 0100-13M: Verification of Substantial Completion

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Tom, Physical work on this project is complete. The Department is moved into the post construction (close-out) phase and is in the process of issuing notice of final quantities. As of 12-09-2022 this project was substantially complete.

#### Calvin Ulshafer TCM2

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Subject: RE: [External] SR 0100-13M: Verification of Substantial Completion

I believe this one would be for Calvin to confirm, ECMS does shows a physical work complete date of 12/09/2022.

Kerry Cox, P.E. | Senior Project Manager

PennDOT Engineering District 5-0

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Calvin (or would it be Kerry?),

Gannett Fleming is entering the SR 0100-13M Betterment project for the ASHE East Penn Project of the Year. We are submitting this Friday.

We need to include a brief statement from PennDOT indicating/verifying substantial completion of the project prior to December 31, 2022. See the below screenshot for highlighted text from the entry requirements...

- The project must be substantially completed and open to the public by December 31, 2022, and immediately prior to the 2022 ASHE National Annual Conference.
- Previous winning projects in the NPAC are not eligible.
- Entry submissions shall contain:
  - ✓ Completed Project Entry Form.
  - ✓ Narrative describing the project not exceeding 1500 words (single sided, 12-point font, 8 ½ "x11 address the 6 categories in the scoring and judging criteria below. Project construction costs must
  - ✓ Up to five (5) five construction drawings on 11"x17" sheets that are relative to the scoring and jud
  - ✓ Up to five (5) photos (maximum size: 8 ½"x11") that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria
  - ✓ Verification of substantial completion by the date noted.
  - ✓ Statement of commitment that at least one representative from the project team will attend the

Would you be willing to provide that statement so we can include it in our submission? A reply to this email would be fine. It just basically proves that this project reached substantial completion sometime between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2022.

Thank you, Tom

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