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## **PennDOT Bids Local Interchange Phase of Interstate 80 Project**

**Clearfield, PA** – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation successfully bid the Local Interchange project for its overall I-80 interchange project, east of Bellefonte. This is the first phase of a long-awaited safety-improvement in Centre County. HRI, Inc. of State College is the apparent low bidder at \$51,997,302.59.

PennDOT expects to officially award the project and give notice to proceed later this spring.

“This is the first step in an overall project that will allow for safer travel between I-99, I-80, Route 26, and other local roads. Getting started brings us one step closer to enhancing safety in this area easing congestion during high traffic times, and moving goods and services more conveniently,” said PennDOT District 2 Executive Tom Zurat. “As the only INFRA funded project in Pennsylvania, I could not be more pleased to see this local interchange project get underway.”

The local interchange project is the first phase of a three-phase project to build local access, a high-speed interchange connection between I-99 and I-80, and to make improvements on Jacksonville Road. An initial \$35 million for the project was announced in July 2018, coming through a federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant. Completion of all three phases will support regional freight economy and improve the reliability of roadway travel throughout the region.

Once construction begins, you’ll be able to learn more about the entire project by visiting the “[Construction Projects/Roadwork](http://www.penndot.gov/district2)” section of [www.penndot.gov/district2](http://www.penndot.gov/district2).

Work on this project will be in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and state Department of Health guidance as well as a project-specific COVID-19 safety plan, which will include protocols for social distancing, use of face coverings, personal and job site cleaning protocols, management of entries to the job site, and relevant training.

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