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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery County Initiates Montco Pikes: A Vision Plan for Six County Corridors

Norristown, PA (August 11, 2020) – Montgomery County owns 75 miles of roadways throughout the County. Many of them date back to colonial times and had begun as private turnpikes. As part of the new Montco Pikes project, the County will be taking a closer look at six main corridors to ensure the roadways will support 21st century lifestyles. Easton Road, Butler Pike, Germantown Pike, Sumneytown Pike, Geryville Pike, and Swamp Pike will be studied to establish an overall vision for the future of each roadway.

The Montgomery County Planning Commission is overseeing the effort with technical support from the consultant team led by McMahon Associates, Inc., and Gannett Fleming, Inc. The \$300,000 study is funded by federal transportation funds through a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Over the next few months, the County and consultant team will be reaching out to municipal leaders and the public to gather information about existing corridor features, traffic conditions, safety concerns, and future travel needs. The study, anticipated to be completed in two years, will present a long-term vision for each corridor in terms of overall character and function. It will guide where additional travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and other types of improvements might be appropriate, as well as where there are significant safety issues or environmental constraints that need to be considered.

Additional design and engineering will be required before any improvements can be constructed, and improvements will likely be implemented in a phased approach over time, based on needs and available resources. The Montco Pikes project is an essential first step in planning for future transportation needs along these County corridors.

Visit <https://www.montcopa.org/montcopikes> to learn more about the project and how to provide input throughout the planning process.

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