

Route 15 & Berkshire Valley Road (CR 699) Intersection Improvement Virtual Public Information Center Comments/Responses

1. Cars that exit Rt 15N taking the exit ramp may have to cross over TWO lanes of traffic instead of one? When I am in the car and need to turn left off of Rt 15N it feels like I am in a game of Whack-A-Mole! How will the new proposal make that maneuver easier?
 - a. The proposed improvements at Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road intersection will accommodate more cars during each cycle of the traffic signal which will shorten the queue along Berkshire Valley Road, reducing the congestion in this area.
2. One of the biggest causes of accidents is the vehicles heading north are traveling at highway speed as they come over the hill towards Berkshire Valley road and they on multiple occasions are unable to stop on time for a red light so they either fly thru it or finally stop in the crossing traffic lane. I and others who know this intersection have to wait until all north bound vehicles are fully stopped or wait for all on coming vehicles to stop. A solution may be to place an additional traffic signal at the top of incline. The large dump trucks and tractor trailers need time and distance to stop I have seen many accidents and near accidents here
 - a. The yellow and all red clearance intervals for the traffic signal will be updated to be in conformance with current standards. Additionally there is a "Red Signal Ahead" sign located along Route 15 northbound just before the crest of the hill. The "Red Signal Ahead" sign is connected directly to the traffic signal and begins flashing prior to the termination of the green interval to make drivers aware of the stop condition ahead.
3. On the exit ramp leaving route 15 north to BVR on the side of the farmers market should be a traffic light for left turns. People always try to squeeze out into traffic going across 15. That will free up the jam at the light and give the people turning onto bvr a chance to get into the lanes.
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4. This is a much needed project. The information did not indicate what properties would be acquired. Hope its not Lindeken Farm stand. Thank You.

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- a. The project proposes partial fee takes from three properties in addition to several temporary and permanent easements for construction and utilities. There are no full property takings proposed for the construction of the proposed improvements.
5. People wishing to cross 15 at BVR will now need to cross 2 left-turn lanes of traffic in order to get to the straight-across lane? Could be problematic.
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