

Scale back the I-80 expansion

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

In a recent video, Sen. Rosemary Brown and PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll talked about how safety issues on I-80 warranted almost a billion dollars in repairs in the expansion project.

However, in PennDOT's own 2024 crash data report, Monroe County is rated as the 44th most dangerous in terms of crashes out of 67 counties in Pennsylvania. That



doesn't exactly paint the picture of danger being presented. It's a scare tactic aimed at bilking taxpayers out of a billion dollars, for only 3.5 miles, or nearly \$300 million a mile.

In 2023, there were 11 fatalities on all Monroe County roads combined.

I'm fighting to make sure we get the repairs we need to truly make our roads safer — longer ramps, shoulders and higher bridges, and repairs to areas of local roadways where they are actually needed — not one that fills in wetlands, shuts down businesses and removes 50 acres of trees with a dystopian future-esque highway project that will destroy our beautiful community, and block views of the Delaware Water Gap with bridges taller than Stroudsburg's tallest buildings, all at a cost of nearly a billion in your taxpayer dollars.

By clicking here, or on the image at the top of this section, you can watch a flyover video of the I-80 expansion project. I would like you to notice that it doesn't show the town, the businesses and the houses that will be affected by this monstrosity of what essentially will be a 10-lane highway. We also want PennDOT to keep the Drehr Avenue exit and reduce the third lane. This project will cause a backup in Stroudsburg that doesn't currently exist.

Sign the petition to show your support and send your thoughts on the project to me at RepProbst@pahouse.net.

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