

bradford bypass extension mckean county

Location:	McKean County, Bradford Township, District 2-0
Completion Date:	1.1.2004
Construction Cost:	\$9,950,000
MPMS #:	4480
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Themes:	Money counts; Accommodate all modes of travel
Project Overview:	<p>The purpose of the Bradford Bypass Extension project was to provide a continuous through movement of traffic on US 219 and to eliminate turning movements at two intersections. The project sought to eliminate 219 cross traffic with Owens Way by spanning the road with a bridge. The project is located at the end of a limited access highway known to the local residents as the Bradford Bypass. The project also included wetland replacement areas and major utility replacements.</p> <p>The project included a pedestrian/bicycle facility constructed at the McKean County Planning Organization's request. A Box culvert was constructed to provide safe passage under US 219. The Culvert was not originally planned with the initial project scope, but was added when the McKean County Planning Organization approached PennDOT and indicated that the existing railroad bed was on the long range plan for a "Rails-to-Trails" project. PennDOT also coordinated with the Northcentral Planning Organization and found that they endorsed the future trail plans. The box culvert, which will take pedestrians and bikers under US 219, was found to be a much safer option than a surface crossing because of the heavy US 219 traffic issue and close proximity to an interchange with Owens Way.</p>
Lessons Learned:	Contact the planning partners at the start of a large project and check for any long range plans for other programmed project that may be affected or that may benefit from PennDOT's investment. Consider pedestrian and bicycle mobility during design development.

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