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## Residents Get 'Ticket to Ride' As Commissioners Open Orrs Bridge

*"This bridge will welcome 10,000 vehicles a day, that's more than 3 million cars that will cross this bridge in a year."*

**Carlisle, PA** – Classic cars and the Hampden Township Fire Engine were the first vehicles to test the weight of the newly built Orrs Bridge that will carry more than 10,000 vehicles across the Conodoguinet Creek daily, that's more than 3 million cars that will cross this bridge in a year

The concrete bridge boasts two 12-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders, and approximately a 7-foot sidewalk for residents who want to walk the span of the bridge.

The Cumberland County Commissioners opened the bridge with the assistance of the Hampden Township Commissioners and neighborhood residents. Residents can explore the bridge until 7 p.m. tonight and it will then be opened to vehicular traffic.

"The county maintains 28 bridges; the construction of Orrs Bridge is the largest project on the county's list of bridge capital improvement projects," said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger.

"Orrs Bridge provides a critical link that connects dense residential neighborhoods with employment and services on the Carlisle Pike and Wertzville Road."

Work on the new bridge began in April 2019, and was constructed on a curve downstream from the existing bridge which will be demolished. This phase will take approximately 5 months.

The total allocation for the project is more than \$7.9 million, 80% funded by the federal government, 15% from state government and 5% from the county. Deblin Construction of Mechanicsburg is the construction contractor, and Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, is the county's bridge engineer and designer of this project.

The Cumberland County Commissioners thanks Arlene Righter, with the Blue Moon Cruisers who provided a 57 Chevy, Carlisle Events, the Cumberland County Historical Society, Deblin Construction of Mechanicsburg, Greg Long, with Faulkner who provided the 2020 RAM, Glen Keller, who provided the 1957 Dodge the Hampden Township Volunteer Fire Department, Herbert Roland & Grubric, Engineering and the neighborhood residents.

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