



A similar study, or coordination effort, may also be required for the Toll Route 66/PA Route 136 interchange.

A system operator for the proposed maglev system will need to be identified prior to the initiation of construction. Private partnerships will need to be identified for participation in passenger station development.

Coordination with state and federal resource agencies regarding threatened or endangered species is ongoing as the Project continues to be advanced. The resource agencies have agreed that investigations to determine the presence, or absence, of protected species will extend beyond the publication of this DEIS. The environmental studies conducted for this DEIS indicated that some species of concern may be found within the project area, but it is unlikely they would be impacted by the proposed project. If impacts to any threatened or endangered species are identified as the project proceeds through the permitting process, avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategies will be developed in coordination with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR), the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The following state and federal actions will be required for implementation of the project:

- A Section 404 permit will be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE).
- A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will be required from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).
- A Chapter 105 permit and Water Quality Certification (Section 401) will be required from PADEP.
- A permit will be required from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the proposed bridge crossing of the Monongahela River, a navigable waterway.