

# NEWS

## From the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Members of PA Governor's Cabinet to Help Break Ground on Long Awaited D&L Trail Bridge**

**EASTON (March 27)** – The Carbon County Board of Commissioners and Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor will celebrate the long awaited groundbreaking of the Carbon County Pedestrian Bridge. Secretary Leslie S. Richards, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources will offer comments.

The groundbreaking will take place at the south end of the Carbon County Parking lot at noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. The project was originally conceived in the D&L's 1992 Management Action Plan. The bridge will cross the Lehigh River and will connect 58 miles of the D&L Trail through four counties. It's location in Jim Thorpe is central to connecting 35 miles north to the Black Diamond Trailhead (north White Haven) and 23 mile south to Northampton Borough. The public is invited to attend and celebrate this milestone.

The Carbon County Pedestrian Bridge Project was funded by a 3.3 million dollar grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provided funding for engineering and design. The through truss bridge will be assembled and installed by Latona Trucking of Pittston, PA. Construction is expected to be completed by late November 2017.

Free event parking will be available adjacent to the railroad station and in the Carbon County Lot. The Carbon County Lot is located behind the Visitor Center and the historic CNJ Train Station, at 2 Lehigh Ave, Jim Thorpe PA 18229. After parking, walk toward the train station and southward to the end of the parking lot. The groundbreaking will take place between the far southern end of the parking lot and the Lehigh River.

*The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor preserves the historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia. Today, the D&L is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that connects people to nature, culture, communities, recreation and our industrial heritage.*

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