Pennsylvania Maglev

Environmental Impact Statement

The FRA selected the Pennsylvania High-Speed Maglev project for further development in the <u>Maglev Deployment Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</u>. Port Authority of Allegheny County is preparing the Pennsylvania Maglev EIS with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on July 19, 2001. The Port Authority is sponsoring the project as a public-private partnership with Maglev, Inc., who have promoted the high-speed maglev effort for more than a decade.

The proposed Pennsylvania High-Speed Maglev project is an approximately 54-mile maglev line connecting Pittsburgh International Airport, Downtown Pittsburgh and Monroeville and Greensburg, Pennsylvania, with multi-modal stations at these locations. The entire trip, from the Airport to Greensburg, would take approximately 35 minutes including stops. The project was estimated to cost \$3.8 billion in 2003.

The Draft EIS for the Pennsylvania Maglev project was issued in September 2005 and the public comment closed December 7, 2005.

On May 7, 2010, FRA signed the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

See the Port Authority's website to view the Draft EIS and for more information: <u>http://www.portauthority.org/PAAC/Portals/Capital/maglev/magFrame.asp</u>