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Abutment & Pier Removal Underway, Construction of Abutment to Start at Church Road Bridge

Construction crews have successfully removed the remaining beams from the Church Road bridge over Route 202 and started removal of the structure's concrete piers and abutments.

Crews will continue demolition activities during the weeks of May 12 and May 19. Crews will work primarily during the day, although nighttime work may occur due to the proximity of the existing median pier to Route 202 traffic.

Construction will then begin on the new bridge abutment adjacent to southbound Route 202. The initial phase of this work requires that steel sheeting, which will support the roadway during the excavation and construction of the abutment's foundation, be driven into the ground. Some vibration may be felt on nearby properties during this daytime work.

Following the excavation, crews will start construction on the new bridge abutment, which will take several weeks to complete.

The Church Road Bridge was closed to traffic on March 17, 2008 and will remain closed until the new bridge is opened at the end of October 2008.

Continued Progress at Swedesford Road Span

The southern half of the new Swedesford Road Bridge, located between Church Road and Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road, has been completed. PennDOT's contractor shifted traffic onto the new section of the bridge on the night of May 8, 2008 and is set to begin demolition of the northern half of the old structure.

The initial stage of demolition will occur during overnight hours and will result in lane closures and brief traffic stoppages on Route 202 for up to 15 minutes. This work must be done at night because lane closures are not permitted on Route 202 during the heavily traveled daylight hours. Once demolition is completed, crews will begin building the northern half of the new bridge. This work will continue through the end of October 2008, when the entire bridge is scheduled to be completed.

The projected work schedules are subject to change and are weather dependent.

PennDOT is replacing these bridges in order to add a third northbound and southbound travel lane on Route 202 between North Valley Road and Route 30.

Scope of the project

Route 202, Section 310 includes the following improvements:

- Widen the Swedesford Road/Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road intersection.
- Widen the Route 401/Phoenixville Pike intersection.
- Widen Route 401 from west of Phoenixville Pike to the Moores Road intersection.
- Reconstruct the Mill Lane Bridge over Route 202.
- Reconstruct the Swedesford Road Bridge over Route 202.
- Reconstruct the Church Road Bridge over Route 202.
- Stabilize the stream at the East Whiteland Ecology Park and the former 84 Lumber Site.
- Construct wetland mitigation and post-construction storm water management sites.

Swedesford Road Bridge Construction

Work completed so far

- Widening of the Swedesford Road/Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road intersection is finished.
- Widening of the Conestoga Road/Phoenixville Pike intersection and widening of Conestoga Road from west of Phoenixville Pike to the Moores Road intersection is finished.
- Final paving of Conestoga Road and Phoenixville Pike was completed on May 7,

2008, however, some of the final striping remains to be completed.

- Reconstruction of the Mill Lane Bridge over Route 202 is finished and the new bridge opened to traffic on December 20, 2007.
- Construction of the southern half of the Swedesford Road Bridge over Route 202 was completed on May 8, 2008. Construction of the bridge's northern half will now start and continue through the end of October 2008.
- Construction of the Church Road Bridge over Route 202 began March 17, 2008 and will continue through the end of October 2008. (See above for more detail)
- Stream stabilization, wetland mitigation and post construction storm water management site construction are completed.

Church Road Bridge Demolition

About this Newsletter: *The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is producing this newsletter to be distributed regularly to inform residents of the status of construction of Route 202, Section 310 and provide a look-ahead at upcoming operations. Questions, comments or suggestions relating to this newsletter or the Route 202, Section 300 projects may be e-mailed to info@us202-300.com. This newsletter may also be viewed online at www.us202-300.com.*