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## **Church Road Bridge Demolition Nearing Completion, Foundation Work Underway for New Span** *Nighttime Closures Set for Work on Nearby Swedesford Road Span*

Construction crews have removed most of the old piers and abutments from the Church Road Bridge over Route 202 and started excavating for the new structure's foundations.

Demolition activities should finish during the week of June 2 with removal of the center pier and the southbound abutment. This demolition work will be done during the day.

Meanwhile, excavation has started for the new bridge abutments adjacent to 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.** This work also should be completed during the week of June 2.

Following the excavation, work will start on construction on the new bridge abutments, 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.

### ***Beam Removal at Swedesford Road Span***

With the southern half of the new Swedesford Road Bridge now carrying traffic, PennDOT's contractor shifted operations to the northern half of the span located between Church Road and Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road. Demolition crews are currently removing the beams from the end spans of the remaining structure.

**On the nights of June 6 and June 7, the contractor is tentatively scheduled to remove the beams spanning northbound and southbound Route 202.** The contractor will work from 12:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. the following morning, using a large crane to lift the beams.

This work will result in **lane closures and brief traffic stoppages of up to 15 minutes on Route 202 and require the temporary closure of Swedesford Road.** A posted detour will be implemented for the Swedesford Road closure. This work must be done at night because lane closures are not permitted on Route 202 during the heavily traveled daylight hours.

## Swedesford Road Bridge

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 reopen.

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 improvements are:

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

## 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](mailto:info@us202-300.com). This newsletter may also be viewed online at [www.us202-300.com](http://www.us202-300.com).*