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## S.R. 202, Section 310 Newsletter

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is producing a newsletter on a biweekly basis to inform nearby residents of the status of construction of U.S. Route 202, Section 310 and provide a look-ahead of upcoming operations.

### Scope of the Project

The current US 202, Section 310 project includes the following:

- 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 US 202.
- Reconstruct the Swedesford Road Bridge over US 202.
- Reconstruct the Church Road Bridge over US 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.

### Status of the Work

- Widening of the Swedesford Road/Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road intersection is finished.
- Widening of the Conestoga Road/Phoenixville Pike intersection is substantially done with final paving expected by late April.
- Widening of Route 401 from west of Phoenixville Pike to the Moores Road intersection is substantially complete with final paving expected by late April.
- Reconstruction of the Mill Lane Bridge over US 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 US 202 is expected to be completed by mid-May. Construction of the bridge's northern half will start in May and continue through the end of October 2008.
- Construction of the Church Road Bridge over US 202 began March 17, 2008 and will continue through the end of October 2008.
- Stream stabilization, wetland mitigation and post construction storm water management site construction is completed.

## Swedesford Road Bridge over US 202

The deck on the southern half of the new Swedesford Road Bridge was completed on April 11, 2008 and work to build bridge walls and new roadway approaches will continue until mid-May. At that time, PennDOT's contractor will shift traffic onto the newly built portion of the bridge and demolish the northern half of the existing structure. The initial stage of demolition will occur during overnight hours. Once demolition of the remaining part of the old bridge is done, crews will build the last half of the new bridge and this work will continue through the end of October 2008.

### **Swedesford Bridge Deck Concrete Pour**



## Church Road Bridge over US 202

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). During the week of April 6 (2008), construction crews removed the parapets or walls from the existing bridge. This work was required to be done at night because of the need to close a lane on US 202. During the week of April 14 (2008), demolition work will be performed primarily during the day. On Saturday (April 18, 2008) from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the contractor will use a large crane to remove the existing concrete beams from the bridge. This work will result in brief traffic stoppages on US 202 for up to 15 minutes in duration. Beginning the week of April 21 (2008), crews will demolish the existing bridge abutments and piers. This work will be done mainly during the day; however, some nighttime demolition work

is possible due to the proximity of the existing piers to US 202 traffic.

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

## **Church Road Bridge Demolition**



### **F.A.Q**

**Q:** Why does the contractor have to perform bridge demolition work at night?

**A:** *For public safety, the contractor is not permitted to perform demolition operations over an active lane of traffic. Due to the heavy volume of traffic on US 202, the contractor is only permitted to close a lane at night.*

**Q:** When will the sound barrier wall be constructed along the Bryn Erin development?

**A:** *A sound barrier wall on US 202 along the Bryn Erin development will be constructed in conjunction with the widening of US 202. Currently, funding for widening US 202 between North Valley Road and US 30 will not be available until at least 2011. Sound barrier walls are typically built in the later stages of construction.*

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this newsletter or the project, please e-mail Steve Laws, P.E. at [slaws@state.pa.us](mailto:slaws@state.pa.us), or David Palmer, P.E. at [dvpalmer@urbanengineers.com](mailto:dvpalmer@urbanengineers.com). If you would prefer receiving this newsletter via e-mail, please advise Steve Laws or David Palmer.