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Beam, Abutment Removal Underway on Church Road Bridge; Swedesford Road Bridge Nearly Half Done

Construction crews will work during the early morning hours on Saturday, April 25, to remove the remaining beams from the Church Road bridge over Route 202. The contractor will work from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., using a large crane to lift the beams.

This work 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.

During the weeks of April 28 and May 5, crews will demolish the existing bridge abutments and piers. Contractors will work primarily during the day, although some nighttime demolition work is possible due to the proximity of the existing piers to Route 202 traffic.

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.

Last Saturday morning (April 18) the contractor remove the existing concrete beams from the portion of the bridge over southbound Route 202.

Continued Progress at Swedesford Road Span

The parapet (side wall) on the southern half of the new Swedesford Road Bridge, located between Church Road and Phoenixville Pike/Planebrook Road, was completed on April 22.

Paving of the new roadway approaches to the bridge will start the week beginning April 28. The approaches should be completed by mid-May. PennDOT's contractor then will shift traffic onto the new section of the bridge and begin demolition of the northern half of the old structure.

The initial stage of demolition will occur during overnight 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 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 started on April 23, 2008

and should be completed by May 2, 2008. Some of the final paving is being done at night.

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 is expected to be completed by mid-May. Construction of the bridge's northern half will then 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 below 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 be viewed online at www.us202-300.com.