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PennDOT to Begin Rehabilitation of Quakertown Road Bridge over Macoby Creek in Montgomery County

Third of Nine Bridges to be Repaired Under \$7.2 Million Project Funded by Act 89

King of Prussia, PA – Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, March 12, on a project to rehabilitate the structurally-deficient bridge carrying Quakertown Road over a branch of Macoby Creek in Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today.

Due to the nature of the repairs, Quakertown Road will be closed and detoured between Wasser Road and Geryville Pike. Quakertown Road motorists will be directed to use Geryville Pike, Route 663 (John Fries Highway) and Quakertown Road.

Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling through the area because slowdowns will occur. Local access will be maintained up to the construction zone.

PennDOT's contractor will repair the existing bridge deck, perform substructure and superstructure repairs as well as upgrade drainage on the bridge. Construction on the bridge is expected to be completed in late April.

Built in 1926 and reconstructed in 1960, the two-span reinforced concrete-T beam bridge is 56 feet long and 29 feet wide. The structure carries about 1,142 vehicles a day.

The Quakertown Road bridge is one of nine structures in Chester and Montgomery counties that PennDOT is repairing under a \$7,296,296 project financed by Act 89, the state's transportation plan.

The bridge carrying Route 63 (Welsh Road) over Norfolk Southern Railroad in Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland townships, Montgomery County, was completed this summer.

The bridge carrying Ross Fording Road over Octorara Creek in West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, is currently under construction.

The other bridges included in this rehabilitation project include:

- Old Lancaster Road over Amtrak in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County;
- Boot Road over Route 100 in West Whiteland Township, Chester County;
- Route 611 over Pennypack Creek in Upper Moreland, Montgomery County;
- Route 611 over the Pennsylvania Turnpike ramp in Upper Moreland, Montgomery County; and
- Linfield Road over Norfolk Southern Railroad in Limerick Township, Montgomery County.

Work on the entire project is expected to be completed in August 2020.

Loftus Construction, Inc. of Cinnaminson, N.J., is the general contractor on this bridge improvement project that is financed with 100 percent state funds.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by Act 89, or those on the department's Four and Twelve Year Plans, visit www.projects.penndot.gov.

A list of weekly road restrictions and PennDOT maintenance operations in the five-county Philadelphia region is available by visiting the District 6 Traffic Bulletin at www.penndot.gov/District6.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 850 traffic cameras.

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