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PennDOT to Improve Route 73 Bridge over Perkiomen Creek in Montgomery County

One of Eight Bridges to be Repaired Under \$7.5 Million Project Funded by Act 89

King of Prussia, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will start construction Monday, April 25, on a \$1.1 million project to rehabilitate the structurally deficient bridge carrying Route 73 (Skippack Pike) over Perkiomen Creek in Perkiomen and Skippack townships, and Schwenksville Borough, Montgomery County. The bridge is scheduled to reopen in late December.

The start of construction on this project is coordinated with the scheduled reopening of the newly rehabilitated bridge carrying Graterford Road over Perkiomen Creek in Perkiomen and Skippack townships, Montgomery County, on Friday, April 22. The three-span Graterford Road bridge has been closed since June 2014 due to severe structural deterioration.

Crews will work the next eight months to rehabilitate the Route 73 (Skippack Pike) bridge by replacing the deteriorated concrete beams and bridge deck, and repairing the support abutments and drainage system. The roadway approaches to the bridge will also be resurfaced.

During construction, Route 73 (Skippack Pike) will be closed and detoured between Main Street and Haldeman Road. The posted detour will use Route 29 (Gravel Pike) and Plank Road. Local access will be maintained up to the construction zone.

The Route 73 (Skippack Pike) bridge was built in 1924. The three-span bridge is 165 feet long, 32 feet wide and carries an average of 12,742 vehicles a day.

The Route 73 (Skippack Pike) bridge is one of eight bridges in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties that PennDOT is repairing under a \$7,555,555 project financed by Pennsylvania's transportation funding plan, Act 89.

PennDOT has completed the rehabilitations of the U.S. 13 (Bristol Pike) bridge over Martins Creek in Falls Township, Bucks County; Chinquapin Road bridge over Iron Works Creek in Northampton Township, Bucks County; and Dark Hollow Road bridge over Tohickon Creek in Tinicum Township, Bucks County.

The Route 32 (South Main Street) bridge over Aquetong Creek in New Hope Borough, Bucks County is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in fall 2016.

The three remaining bridges that will be repaired under this contract are:

- Bryn Mawr Avenue bridge over Ithan Creek in Radnor Township, Delaware County;
- New Second Street bridge over Tacony Creek in Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County; and

- Route 611 (Broad Street) bridge over U.S. 1 (Roosevelt Extension) in Philadelphia.

The entire project is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

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

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