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PennDOT Announces 2018 Beaver County Highway and Bridge Improvement Projects

Pittsburgh, PA – PennDOT is pleased to announce the 2018 Beaver County transportation improvement project list for state-owned roads and bridges.

District 11 will invest an estimated \$52 million on 16 projects to improve, preserve or rehabilitate key transportation infrastructure including 13 bridges (8 structurally deficient) in Beaver County in 2018. In addition, 25 miles of roadway will be paved or resurfaced. Approximately 19 projects will be bid this year valued at an estimated \$53 million.

“Over \$50 million in infrastructure investment will be bid in 2018 in Beaver County, supplementing the continued economic growth occurring in the region,” said District Executive Cheryl Moon-Sirianni. “PennDOT is excited to start back to work on the ongoing projects and begin new roadway resurfacing and bridge replacement construction.”

Here’s a preview of the major improvements scheduled for 2018 in Beaver County:

Projects continuing from 2017 with minor work remaining

Vanport Bridge Rehabilitation

Minor work, including an epoxy overlay on the bridge deck and lighting improvements, requiring single-lane restrictions will occur this spring on the \$15.87 million Vanport Bridge Rehabilitation project. The project includes the painting of the structure, a deck overlay, new bearings, dam replacements, lighting improvements and electrical upgrades on the bridge that carries I-376 over the Ohio River in Vanport and Potter townships.

Projects continuing from 2017 with major work remaining

Route 65 – Allegheny County to Crows Run Road

The \$8.25 million Route 65 roadway resurfacing project will resume in March and continue through May 2018. This year’s work includes curb repairs, driveway adjustments, ADA curb cut ramp installation, inlet work, and final paving. Long-term lane restrictions will occur between Baden Borough and Crows Run Road in Conway Borough from March through April. Completed work includes milling, guiderail updates, bridge and retaining wall preservation, sign structure maintenance, and signal improvements. The overall project is expected to be completed in late spring 2018.

I-376 Beaver Valley Expressway – Chippewa to Allegheny County

Highway lighting at the Center interchange, fiber optic cable installation, guiderail improvements, and sign installation work remain on this \$18.34 million improvement project on I-376 between Allegheny County and the Chippewa interchanges. Off-peak daylight single-lane restrictions will occur in various locations throughout the corridor beginning in March. The

overall project is expected to end in the early summer of 2018. Concrete pavement restoration and milling and resurfacing have been completed.

Freedom Road Upgrade

The next phase of the \$19.43 million Freedom Road Upgrade began in mid-February with the closure of Freedom Crider Road in New Sewickley Township. The closure will allow crews to conduct utility relocation, the completion of the Snake Run and Park Quarry bridges, asphalt paving, excavation work, guiderail and sign updates, and drainage improvements. Work began in 2016 on this project which includes realignment and roadway reconstruction on Freedom Road in addition to the reconstructing of Crows Run Road (T-575) and relocation of Freedom Road to follow the T-575 corridor. The project will enhance safety and address substandard roadway features. Additionally, this multi-year project includes bridge and structure replacement, utility and stream relocation, wetland mitigation and other various construction activities. The overall project will continue into 2019.

Route 351 Koppel Bridge Replacement

The \$27.58 million Route 351 Koppel Bridge replacement project continues in 2018 with steel erection, and pier and retaining wall construction to the bridge connecting Koppel Borough to North Sewickley Township over Beaver River. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during the construction of the new bridge. An approximate three-month closure with detour will occur in the summer of 2019. Additional work includes signage, pavement markings, drainage, and guiderail installation.

Projects starting construction in 2018

Route 18 – Frankfort Road to Rochester-Monaca Bridge and Route 3002 Old Brodhead Road – Frankfort Road to Broadhead Road

Milling and resurfacing work is expected to begin in June on the estimated \$10-12 million project to improve Route 18 and Old Brodhead Road in Monaca Borough and Center Township. Work on Route 18 will occur between the Rochester-Monaca Bridge and the new I-376 Monaca/Shippingport interchange. Additional improvements include guiderail upgrades, signal improvements, drainage work, shoulder repairs, signal updates and slide remediation work on Old Broadhead Road. Additionally, milling and paving will occur on a section of Pennsylvania Avenue in Monaca. Restrictions include off-peak single-lane restrictions in the four-lane section of Route 18 and single-lane alternating traffic in two-lane areas. The project will continue through late 2019.

Route 18 – Fifth Avenue to YMCA Drive and Route 6018

The estimated \$11-12 million Route 18 (Third Avenue) roadway resurfacing project will begin in June in Beaver County. Work will occur between 5th Avenue in New Brighton Borough and the Veterans Memorial Bridge/YMCA Drive in Rochester Township. Work includes milling and resurfacing, full-depth reconstruction, drainage, ADA curb ramp installation and signal improvements. Short-term and long-term restrictions will occur with at least one lane of traffic maintained in each direction. Additionally, work will occur on Route 6018 which includes portions of Rhode Island Avenue, the Rochester roundabout, Brighton Avenue and Delaware Avenue. Improvements on this section include milling and resurfacing, ADA curb cut ramp installation, signal upgrades, concrete patching and overlay, and ramp work requiring closures and detours. The overall project will be completed in fall 2019.

Route 1022 Sunflower Road Slide Remediation

Sunflower Road slide remediation work between 11th Avenue and 44th Street in Pulaski Township will begin in mid-March. The estimated \$500,000 project will include work to repair a landslide with Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil and pavement reconstruction in the area of the slide. A 90-day full closure and detour of the road is anticipated to begin in late March.

Route 1026 Reno Street Slide Remediation

Work on the Reno Street slide remediation project between Porter Lane and Highland Road in Rochester Township is included in a group project beginning in November 2018 until May 2019. The estimated \$300,000 to \$605,000 project will include the installation of a rock slope to repair a landslide, reconstruction of the existing pavement and drainage improvements. Traffic will be detoured during construction.

Route 4012 Bradys Run Road Slide Remediation

Work on the Route 4012 Bradys Run Road slide remediation project between May Road and Grange Road in Brighton Township is included in a group project beginning in November 2018 until May 2019. The approximate \$425,000 project will include the installation of a rock slope to repair two landslides and pavement reconstruction. During construction, traffic will be detoured.

Route 1005 Chapel Drive Bridge Rehabilitation

Work on the Chapel Drive Bridge over a branch of Connoquenessing Creek in North Sewickley Township is anticipated to begin in the summer 2018 and last approximately six weeks. The estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 project will replace the existing corrugated metal pipe culvert with a new precast reinforced concrete box culvert. To allow crews to place the new culvert and tie into the existing roadway, a full closure and detour in the bridge area will occur.

Route 1009 Fombell Road Bridge Replacement

Minor work is expected to begin in 2018 on the estimated \$1-2 million bridge replacement project on Fombell Road over Camp Run in Franklin Township. In addition to the superstructure replacement, which will require a detour, substructure repairs and approach roadway work will occur. The project is expected to be finished by September 2019.

Route 4005 New Galilee Road Bridge Rehabilitation

Work on this estimated \$1-2 million bridge project on New Galilee Road over the north fork of Little Beaver Creek in Darlington Township is expected to begin in August. Bridge rehabilitation work including concrete repair, scour protection, superstructure replacement, and approach roadway work will occur. Traffic will be detoured during construction. The overall project will continue through mid-November 2019.

Route 4012 Bradys Run Road Bridge Replacement

The Bradys Run Road bridge project will replace two structurally deficient bridges in Chippewa Township between May Road and Darlington Road. Work will begin with the bridge closest to May Road, with a full closure and detour from late August through mid-November 2018. Following a winter hiatus, work will continue with the replacement of the bridge closest to Darlington Road with a full closure and detour from mid-March through July 2019. The \$2-3 million project is anticipated to be completed in late September 2019.

Route 4020 Dutch Ridge Road Bridge Replacement

This estimated \$4-5 million bridge replacement project over I-376 (Beaver Valley Expressway) in Brighton Township will have minor work begin this year with the majority of construction occurring in 2019. Work will include a bridge replacement and minor approach roadway work.

Traffic will be detoured on the bridge and traffic stoppages will occur on I-376 for beam removal and erection. The overall project is expected to conclude in mid-November 2019.

Group Resurfacing Contracts

The routes listed below will be milled and resurfaced with drainage improvements and minor rehabilitation in 2018 under contract group projects (work areas may be subject to change):

- **Sunflower Road (Route 68)** from Virginia Avenue (Route 1039) in Rochester Township to Glen Eden Road (Route 989) in New Sewickley Township
- **Old Darlington Road (Route 4013)** from approximately 1/3 mile north of Marlene Road to Wallace Run Road (Route 551) in South Beaver Township

In addition to the work listed above, District 11 will be making many improvements to the transportation system in Beaver County through various County Maintenance activities. District 11 will also be performing numerous bridge preservation and washing projects around the county in a continuing effort to address critical bridge needs. Visit the District 11 page under Regional Offices on www.penndot.gov for more information on PennDOT activities in Beaver County.

Work Zone Safety Tips

In high traffic locations, motorists are encouraged to use both lanes of travel to the merge point. Once at the merge point, motorists are encouraged to **take turns** merging into the open lane and continue through the work zone. When motorists cooperate and use the late merge system, it will create a zipper like effect with traffic which will reduce the length of the queue, allow traffic to move more fluidly and also prevent aggressive merging.

If you encounter our work zones, please keep the following tips in mind for your safety and the safety of highway workers:

- Drive the posted work-zone speed limit;
- Stay alert and pay close attention to signs and flaggers;
- Turn on your headlights;
- Maintain a safe distance around vehicles, don't tailgate;
- Use four-way flashers when stopped or traveling slowly;
- Avoid distractions and give your full attention to the road;
- Always buckle up;
- Expect the unexpected,
- Be patient.

Work Zone Laws - Pennsylvania's work zone safety laws are designed to protect both highway workers and motorists:

Posted work zones - Headlights On - All motorists are required to travel with their headlights turned on in all posted work zones, not just active work zones. It is necessary for drivers in vehicles with daytime running lights to turn on their headlights in order to activate their taillights.

Active Work Zones - Posting of Active Work Zones - Active work zones are designated by a white flashing light attached to an "Active Work Zone" sign to notify motorists when they enter

and leave the work zone. The flashing light will only be activated when workers are present and turned off when workers are not present.

Fifteen-Day Loss of License for Driving Dangerously - Motorists caught driving 11 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit in an active work zone, or who are involved in a crash in an active work zone and are convicted for failing to drive at a safe speed, will automatically lose their license for 15 days.

Fines Doubled/Jail Time Increased - Fines for certain traffic violations - including speeding, driving under the influence, and failure to obey traffic devices - are doubled for active work zones. Also, the law provides for up to five years of additional jail time for individuals convicted of homicide by vehicle for a crash that occurred in an active work zone.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway 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.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional Twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

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