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PennDOT Announces Public Meeting to Provide Update On Route 20 Bridge Project in Erie County

Oil City, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announces a third public meeting regarding plans to replace the superstructure of the bridge that carries Route 20 over Elk Creek in Girard Township, Erie County.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the revisions to the traffic control plans and the work schedule for the construction at the bridge, which is set to begin later this year.

The meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Time: 7 PM
Location: Girard Township building
10140 Ridge Road
Girard, PA 16417

Work will involve replacing the existing steel beams, the concrete deck and parapet on the bridge located on Route 20, about one quarter of a mile west of the intersection with Rice Avenue (Route 18) in Girard.

Construction of the project is expected to begin in October 2018 and be completed in November 2019 with some additional minor finishing work to be completed in the spring of 2020.

During construction, travel will be restricted to one lane in both eastbound and westbound. Traffic will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary signals for a two-week period in August 2019.

Closures and detours are expected during the nighttime hours only, 8 PM to 6 AM, for 68 nights. The nighttime detour will use Route 20, Route 18, Interstate 90, and Route 98.

Additional nighttime work may require lane restrictions and usage of a temporary signal between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM.

The existing bridge is classed as structurally deficient. It was built in 1952, and the deck was rehabilitated in 1979. The bridge is used by approximately 8,100 vehicles a day, on average.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the project and to receive public input regarding historic or archaeological sites in the area that could be affected by the project as required by Section 106 of the National Preservation Act (cultural resources).

The meeting place is handicapped accessible. The project documents will be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested.

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