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Atherton Street Project Update for Mid-October

State College, PA – With 2019 work winding down, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is issuing a **mid-October** update for its North Atherton Street (Route 3014) project in State College.

Work this year will carry through November and will finish up in spring of 2020. Phased work zones stretch from Aaron Drive to Park Avenue. Work includes relocation of numerous utility lines, relocation of sewer and water lines, drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalks, ADA ramps, traffic signal upgrades, new concrete median, and paving.

The project page for this work can be found at www.penndot.gov/AthertonStreet.

Motorists **can expect** the following **October 14 through October 20**:

- ❖ **West Aaron Drive to Curtin Road—entire length of project:**
 - ❖ **No additional lane closures will be implemented on Friday, October 18, Saturday, October 19, and Sunday, October 20 due to a PSU home football game. Two lanes will remain open in each direction to and from the University.**
 - ❖ **The contractor will be performing signing installation, pipe inspections, seeding, and miscellaneous concrete work throughout the week. Traffic control will limit traffic to one lane in each direction while work is taking place.**
 - ❖ **When traffic control is reduced to a single lane heading toward the University near the Park Avenue intersection, left turns will be restricted between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to maintain the flow of traffic.**
 - ❖ **The speed limit will remain reduced to 25 MPH from Aaron Drive to the State College Borough line near Mitchell Avenue. This speed reduction will be in place until the majority of the project is completed in November. This reduction helps enhance safety for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and workers throughout the work zone. The speed limit from Mitchell Avenue to Park Avenue within State College Borough is already permanently posted at 25 MPH.**
 - ❖ **Motorists are also reminded not to block signalized intersections while the signal is red. This prevents traffic from side streets from crossing the roadway. It is also a violation of the vehicle code enforceable by fine.**
 - ❖ **Customers using CATA bus service are encouraged to visit the CATA web site for full information on bus stop locations, rider alerts, and service levels.**

- ❖ **In 2020, work will take place between Park Avenue and Curtin Road. That work includes installation of PSU casings for future development, installation of drainage, curb, sidewalk, and curb ramps, signal upgrades, and paving of the remaining area. Work is expected to take place May through June.**

- ❖ **Mitchell Avenue to Curtin Road:**

- ❖ **The contractor will be installing the center concrete median islands on Atherton Street at the intersections of Mitchell Avenue, Woodland Drive, Arbor Way, and Park Avenue. Traffic control will consist of limiting traffic to one lane in each direction to perform the work.**

- ❖ **Pedestrian Safety:**

- ❖ **Pedestrians can cross Atherton Street using intersections at Aaron Drive, North Hills Place, Blue Course Drive, Cherry Lane, Hillcrest Avenue, Park Avenue, and Curtin Road.**
- ❖ **Drivers are reminded to “share the road” and be alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and buses as they move through this work zone.**

- ❖ **Additional Notes:**

There will be flaggers present directing traffic around the work area. Traffic may be stopped for short periods of time. **Please be patient and courteous to other drivers.** Do not follow construction equipment into a closed lane.

Motorists are asked to use both lanes to the merge points throughout the work zone. This will minimize traffic backlogs and travel delays in the work zone.

Motorists are also reminded not to block signalized intersections when the signal is red as this prevents traffic from side streets to cross. This is a finable traffic offense.

All work is weather and schedule dependent. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College is the contractor on this \$12.8 million job. **Drivers are reminded to move through work zones with caution, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.**

PennDOT reminds drivers that they can subscribe to PennDOT news in Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, and Potter counties at www.penndot.gov/District2.

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