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Long-Term Traffic Control to be Implemented on Atherton Street *No work or closures over Memorial Day weekend*

State College, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is issuing an update on its North Atherton Street (Route 3014) project in State College. Work remaining on this project is scheduled to be completed over the next two months and includes installing new drainage, curb, sidewalk, curb ramps, and performing signal upgrades. The remaining area will then be overlaid with asphalt pavement.

Work on this project will be done in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and state Department of Health guidance as well as a project-specific COVID-19 safety plan, which will include protocols for social distancing, use of face coverings, personal and job site cleaning protocols, management of entries to the job site and relevant training.

Overall work has included 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 **through May 29**:

❖ **West Aaron Drive to Curtin Road—entire length of project:**

- ❖ **No lane closures will be in effect Friday, May 22, through Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.**

❖ **Curtin Road Intersection:**

- ❖ The contractor will be performing line eradication and line painting Tuesday, May 26, to install long-term traffic control for remaining work. **Traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction while this work is performed.**
- ❖ **While long-term traffic control is in place, the center turning lane will remain closed. Two lanes will remain open to and from the university when no work is being performed.**
- ❖ The contractor will perform signal upgrades and install new drainage, curb, sidewalk and curb ramps while the long-term traffic control measures are in place. **Traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction while this work is being performed.**

Additionally, 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.

Drivers should use both lanes to merge points throughout the project to minimize traffic queuing and travel times through the work zone. Motorists are also reminded not to block signalized intersections when the signal is red as this prevents traffic from side streets from crossing the roadway. This is an enforceable traffic offense and could result in a citation.

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.

PennDOT encourages drivers to “Know before they go” and to check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA is free, available 24 hours a day, and provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 950 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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