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Potters Mills Update for Middle of February

State College, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is issuing a middle of February update for its Route 322/Potters Mills Gap project in southeast Centre County. Up-to-date information can also be found on the PMG Project page at www.penndot.gov/pottersmillsgap.

PennDOT alerts drivers to activity coming soon.

- Crews will be setting beams for a new bridge spanning Potter Run on Tuesday, February 18, and Thursday, February 20. Motorists should expect traffic stoppages of 10 to 15 minutes at a time in each direction while beams are being placed. Traffic back logs will be cleared before the next stoppage begins. These stops could lead to significant travel delays. Drivers familiar with the area may wish to consider alternate routes.
- Beam setting will also take place February 24 and 26, and February 28 and March 2. PennDOT does not expect significant impacts to traffic flow on these dates.

Additionally, drivers can expect the following February 17 through 21:

- Work will continue off the roadway and drivers should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting Route 322 through the Potters Mills area. Flaggers in the roadway may be aiding construction vehicle movements. Do not follow construction equipment into the work area.
- Motorists are reminded that passing is not permitted when traveling through the work zone. Any motorist convicted of a passing violation in an active work zone faces a $50 fine and three points on their driver’s license.
- Motorists are reminded that eastbound traffic uses the new local access road (Route 2015) east of Potters Mills for one mile before using a crossover to return to existing Route 322. This traffic pattern will be in place for the duration of the project.
- Motorists are reminded that westbound traffic no longer uses the crossover and is now routed onto the new local access road (Route 2015) east of the intersection of Routes 322 and 144. This traffic pattern will be in place for the duration of the project.
- There is a 13-foot width restriction on the western end of the project between Route 144 and Mountain Back Road. This restriction will be in effect until the fall of 2020.
- There is a 14-foot width restriction on the eastern end of the project between Sand Mountain Road and Route 144. This restriction will be in effect until the fall of 2020.

This is the third and final phase of a construction project dating back to 2015. Phase One of the project constructed the new bridge at Sand Mountain Road. Phase Two created the new local interchange on Route 322 at Sand Mountain Road. The goal of Phase Three is to reconstruct
Route 322 from Sand Mountain Road to Potters Mills – including a new Route 322/Route 144 intersection. The completed project will alleviate congestion and allow traffic to move more safely and efficiently from the Centre/Mifflin County line to Potters Mills.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College is the contractor on this $82 million project.

Motorists are encouraged to “Know Before They Go” by checking 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 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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