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Potters Mills Update for Early to mid-April ***Work to Resume April 6***

State College, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is issuing an early April 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.

Normal highway and bridge construction projects in Pennsylvania remain paused as part of the commonwealth's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This project is part of critical work that continues statewide addressing safety needs and work needed to eliminate roadway restrictions that could impede the ability for the movement of life sustaining goods and services.

Drivers can expect the following April 6 through 17:

- 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.**
- 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.

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