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Potters Mills Gap Update for mid-May *Stops scheduled for May 16 and 17*

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

Through May 18, drivers can expect the following:

- **On Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, there will be traffic stops on Route 322 of up to 15 minutes. These stops will occur between Route 144 and Decker Valley Road and are scheduled for daytime hours between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. The stops are necessary for slope excavation work.**

Additionally:

- A mile east of Potters Mills, the crossover from Decker Valley Road to Sand Mountain Road remains in place, with one lane open in each direction. This crossover will continue through September.
- Within the crossover, there is a **14-foot width restriction for westbound traffic and a 15-foot width restriction for eastbound traffic**. These width restrictions will also be in place through September.
- Work will also continue off the roadway and drivers should **be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting Route 322** through the Potters Mills area.
- Short-term blasting operations may also take place. **This may make roadway flagging necessary, creating intermittent and brief traffic stops.**

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.

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