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## **PennDOT Centre County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of April 15**

**Clearfield, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Centre County the week of April 15. PennDOT performs year-round maintenance in its mission to provide a safe, efficient transportation system, and the scope of work in Centre County for the coming week is as follows:

### **Base Repair:**

- Route 2001 (Bear Meadows Road) in Harris Township. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

Base repair is intended to repair fatigue cracked, potholed or distorted pavement sections and restore the structural integrity of the pavement. All distressed material within the area, including the material beneath the asphalt, is removed and replaced with sound material. The new material is then compacted before being overlaid with new asphalt. Base repair extends the service life of good and fair roads and provides a smooth, safe ride for motorists.

### **Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning**

- Route 322 from Philipsburg to Interstate 99 at the Port Matilda interchange. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Multiple bridges will be cleaned along these corridors PennDOT will implement short-term lane closures while completing this work. Drivers may also encounter flaggers in the roadway during daylight hours.
- I-99 between mile marker 58 and mile marker 84. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Multiple bridges will be cleaned along these corridors PennDOT will implement short-term lane closures while completing this work.

Pennsylvania has some of the oldest bridges in the country, with an age of more than 50 years on average. Preventive maintenance is vital in extending the life of the structures. As such, PennDOT maintenance crews perform some bridge deck patching and structural repairs.

### **Manual Patching**

- Route 26 (College Avenue) from North Atherton Street in State College Borough to Jacksonville Road near the I-80 interchange at Bellefonte. Monday, April 15, to Wednesday, April 17. Work will be performed at night utilizing flaggers for traffic control.
- Route 150 (Bald Eagle Valley Road) from the Milesburg interchange to the Travel Center. Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 20. Work will be performed at night utilizing flaggers for traffic control.

Most permanent pothole patching is completed in the spring/summer when temperatures stay consistently above freezing. If maintenance crews were not repairing potholes, the road surface would break up further and require more expensive corrective measures.

### **Pipe Replacing & Cleaning**

- Route 2012 (Penn's Cave Road) in Gregg Township. Monday, April 15. Flaggers will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 445 (Main Street/Madisonburg Mountain Road/Pike Road) in Miles and Walker townships. Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19. Flaggers will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pipe replacement and cleaning are essential in maintaining water flow around state roadways. Controlling water flow is one of the most important aspects of maintaining pavements. Uncontrolled water flow will damage both the pavement surface and the area under the pavement, which causes deterioration across the length of the pipe.

### **Shoulder Maintenance**

- Route 144 from Route 220 near Milesburg to Centre County Line through Boggs, Snow Shoe, and Burnside townships. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Single lane restrictions will be in place with flaggers enforcing traffic control during this mobile operation.

Shoulder cutting removes excess material and debris from unpaved shoulder areas. Shoulder grading involves the shaping and stabilizing of those same areas. Both operations improve drainage, allow water to leave the roadway, and eliminate shoulder drop-offs. These are crucial highway maintenance operations because when drainage systems do not function properly, water collects on the road, weakens pavement, accelerates the formation of potholes, and creates the potential for icing conditions in the winter months.

### **Sweeping**

- Route 53 from Front Street in Philipsburg Borough to the intersection of Route 144 in Snow Shoe Township. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Motorists are asked to be alert for equipment in the roadway.
- Route 322 from Philipsburg to Interstate 99 at the Port Matilda interchange. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Motorists are asked to be alert for equipment in the roadway.
- Route 504 from Centre Street in Philipsburg Borough to the intersection of Route 144 (Snow Shoe Mountain Road) in Boggs Township. Monday, April 15, through Friday, April 19. Motorists are asked to be alert for equipment in the roadway.

Sweeping utilizes a mechanical broom attachment on a piece of mobile highway equipment, which is used to remove loose debris from the roadway, improving safety and surface traction for motorists.

PennDOT urges motorists to exercise caution in these and all work zones to ensure their safety and the safety of county maintenance staff.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, emergencies, or other unforeseen interruptions.

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