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# PennDOT Centre County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of April 29

**Clearfield, PA –** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Centre County the week of April 29. 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 144 between the intersections of Askey Road in Snow Shoe Township and Route 220 in Boggs Township. Monday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 1. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 4002 (Clarence Road) between the intersection of Route 144 in Snow Shoe Township and Sycamore Street in Snow Shoe Borough. Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

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 overlayed 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**

• Interstate 99 between mile markers 58 and 83. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. 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 2001 (Bear Meadows Road) in Harris Township. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

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 2008 (Sinking Creek Road) near Spring Mills in Greg Township. Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 445 approximately 250 yards south of the intersection with Route 64 in Walker Township. Wednesday, May 1. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2010 (Upper George's Valley Road) near the intersection with Harter Road in Gregg Township. Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway 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 879 (Pine Glen Road) between a bridge spanning the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Burnside Township and the intersection of Route 144 in Snow Shoe Township. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3.

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.

#### **Vegetation Management**

• Route 322 between the Interstate 99 interchange at State College and Sand Mountain Road in Potter Township. Monday, April 26, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

Mowing, herbicide spraying, and selected tree thinning help maintain a safe roadway free of obstructing vegetation, improving visibility to spot signage, traffic control devices, and other motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and animals approaching the road. Additionally, a well-maintained roadside can improve drainage and prolong the life of the roadway.

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

Customers can report road concerns by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If calling after hours, please leave a name and phone number.

For more information on PennDOT's maintenance activities, visit <u>www.PennDOT.pa.gov/about-us/maintenanceactivities</u>.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting <u>www.511PA.com</u>. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras.

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