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PennDOT Clearfield 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 Clearfield 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 Clearfield County for the coming week is as follows:

Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning

- Route 1001 (Washington Avenue) at a bridge spanning the West Branch of the Susquehanna River near the intersection of Route 879 in Lawrence Township. Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 879 (Shawville Road) at a bridge spanning Lick Run in Goshen Township. Wednesday, May 1, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

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 2007 (Parsonville Road) between the intersection of Route 2014 (Jeffries to Ashland/Ashland to Coal Run Road) in Decatur Township and Teutonic Avenue in Brisbin Borough. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2039 (Drain Lick/Knox Run/Reservoir Road) between the intersection of Route 53 and Route 2035 (Maple Street) in Cooper 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 153 between Bennet's Valley Highway and Boon Mountain Road. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 219 between Burnside and Cherry Tree boroughs. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2001 (Beaver Dam/Plank Road) in Gulich Township. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2041 (Carrs Hill Road) between Bailey Settlement Highway and Village Road in Pike Township. Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30.
- Route 3004 (Stifflertown/Stiffler Hill/Sylvis Road) between Route 219 and Route 3001 Ridge Road in Burnside Township. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 4007 (Viaduct Road) in Bloom Township. Wednesday, May 1, through Friday, May 3. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 53 between Route 2014 (Ashland to Coal Run Road) and Osceola Mills Borough. 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

Interstate 80 between Penfield and Woodland. Monday, April 29, through Friday, May
3. PennDOT will implement short-term lane closures while completing this work.

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.

Signing

• Various routes throughout the county. Monday, April 29 18, through Friday, May 3. This work takes place off the roadway and has minimal, if any, traffic impact.

Signs are the most prominent way PennDOT communicates roadway safety and other information to our customers. County maintenance organizations have crews responsible for installing and repairing signage along state roads and reviewing installed signs to determine if replacements are needed. Reasons for replacing a sign include age, vandalism, or damage.

Vegetation Management

• Route 53 between Houtzdale and Osceola Mills boroughs. Monday, April 29, 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.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by <u>following local alerts on X.</u>

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