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202 PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING AT SOUTHERN END; BIDS OPENED FOR START OF WORK AT NORTHERN END

As the first section of the Route 202 Parkway takes shape in Montgomery County, PennDOT opened bids on Aug. 6 for construction of the northern part of the roadway in Warrington and Doylestown townships, Bucks County. This northern stretch will be the second of three major construction segments of the new, nine mile-long controlled access roadway to move to construction.

Environmental controls are in place and the Parkway's footprint is visible between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 309 (Bethlehem Pike), and from Route 309 to Route 463 (Horsham Road). Crews in both areas continue earthwork activities to establish the sub-grade and install storm water drainage for this section of the Parkway.

Early stages of bridge construction also are underway where the Parkway will pass over Route 309. With foundations for the abutments in place on both sides of Route 309 just north of Knapp Road, abutment construction is now underway for the structure that will carry the Parkway over Route 309. Excavation is also underway for the ramp on the west side of Route 309 that will allow Route 309 southbound motorists to connect with the new roadway.

Across the project area, utility companies are at work installing and relocating electrical and communication lines as well as water and sewer pipes.

Parkway Activities at Other Locations

PennDOT expects to award a contract in the next few weeks to construct the largest segment of the Parkway between Pickertown Road and Route 611 in Warrington and Doylestown townships, Bucks County. Early construction activities on the northern section will include site clearing operations, installation of environmental controls and excavation. Work on the estimated \$60 million segment is expected to be completed in November 2011.

Also currently underway is a separate companion project (funded in part by Montgomery Township) to widen Route 463 (Horsham Road) between North Wales Road and General Hancock Boulevard. Since starting construction in June 2009, crews have completed site clearing operations and began relocation of utilities within the work zone. Work has started to widen and reconstruct the ¾ mile section of Route 463 (Horsham Road), install new subsurface drainage facilities and rebuild the intersection with Upper State Road.

PennDOT plans to open construction bids on September 3 for the final, middle section of the Parkway. This central section will connect the northern segment north of Pickertown Road with the southern section just north Route 463 (Horsham Road).

Construction is expected to begin in early 2010 to build the southern terminus interchange that will tie existing Route 202 (Dekalb Pike) and existing Route 63 (Welsh Road) into the new alignment of the Parkway. And a second companion project, scheduled to start in mid 2010, will widen County Line Road between Route 202 and Stump Road to accommodate traffic heading for the Parkway entrance at County Line Road.

Parkway Overview

The nine mile-long Route 202 Parkway is being built from Route 63 (Welsh Road), just east of Route 202 (Dekalb Pike) in Montgomery Township, to Route 611 in Doylestown Township to provide traffic relief for motorists on the existing Route 202 and other nearby roads. The new roadway will be situated in a corridor roughly bordered by Upper State Road and Stump Road, passing through sections of Montgomery, Warrington and Doylestown townships.

The Parkway will be four lanes wide between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 463 (Horsham Road), and two lanes wide from Route 463 (Horsham Road) to the interchange with the Route 611 Bypass near Doylestown. The Parkway also will include paved shoulders that will serve as bicycle lanes, as well as a shared-use path that will run parallel along either side of the Parkway.

Access to the Parkway will be available at a southern terminus interchange at Route 202 (Dekalb Pike)/Route 63 (Welsh Road), and at an interchange with Route 611 at its northern terminus. Additional access also will be provided at Route 309 – via connector ramps on both sides of Route 309 – and at signalized, at-grade intersections with

- Knapp Road,
- Costco Drive A,
- Route 463 (Horsham Road),
- County Line Road,
- Route 152 (Limekiln Pike),
- Bristol Road and
- Lower State Road.

The Parkway also will include new bridges over Route 309, Almshouse Road, New Britain Road and the Neshaminy Creek. New bridges will carry Pickertown Road and Wells Road over sections of depressed Parkway. The project also includes widening and other improvements to sections of several intersecting roadways, including Limekiln Pike, Upper State Road and Bristol Road.

The entire Parkway is expected to be completed by November 2011.