

202-700 Parkway
Construction Update December 2009

ROUTE 202 PARKWAY SOUTHERN SECTION CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESSING

Limited work also underway in Parkway's northern section

Paving is in place at the southern end of the Route 202 Parkway in Montgomery County, while excavation, drainage work and structure building continue in the remaining construction area between Knapp Road and Route 463 (Horsham Road).

Two layers of blacktop – the *base* and the second level *binder course* – have been paved between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Knapp Road. The shared-use path also has been constructed in this area, and landscapers are placing trees and other plantings along the new roadside. Construction will be virtually completed in this area by the end of 2009, except for the final *wearing course* pavement layer, which will be applied to the entire segment as one of the final work items next fall.

Work also continues on Knapp Road, which is being widened to install turning lanes to and from the Parkway.

Excavation, bridge and ramp construction and installation of the storm water drainage components remain underway between Knapp Road and Route 309, and from Route 309 to east of Route 463 (Horsham Road). Paving will begin in these areas next spring.

With beams in place for the Parkway bridge over Route 309, crews will work over the coming months to install deck forms and reinforcing steel. The bridge's concrete deck and parapets will be poured next spring. The overpass will carry the four-lane Parkway over Route 309 just south of the Montgomeryville commercial area.

Construction of a smaller bridge carrying the Parkway over an intersecting stream south of Route 309 also continues. North of Route 309, work goes on to build a retaining wall that will support flood-control piping that has been installed. Clearing and excavation also have been completed for a short stretch of the Parkway – where the roadway will taper from four lanes to two – north of Route 463 (Horsham Road).

PennDOT began construction of the Parkway's 1.8-mile northern segment (Section 701, \$31.7 million) between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 463 (Horsham Road) in November 2008. Section 701 is on schedule to be completed in late 2010.

Sections 711, 721

PennDOT has awarded a \$47.17 million contract for construction of the four-mile northern section (Section 721) from Pickertown Road in Warrington Township to Rt. 611 in Doylestown Township. Early stage construction activities – including site clearing, installation of environmental controls and rough grading – are expected to get underway shortly as conditions permit. Work will ramp-up significantly on Section 721 in early spring.

Construction also is expected to begin over the next several months on the 3.3-mile middle section (Section 711). This final, \$25 million section runs between Route 463 Horsham Road and Pickertown Road.

Construction also is progressing on a companion project (funded in part by Montgomery Township) to widen Route 463 (Horsham Road) between North Wales Road and General Hancock Boulevard to enhance traffic flow to-and-from the Parkway. On this project, crews have reconstructed the intersection of Horsham and Upper State roads, installed new drainage facilities, relocated utilities, poured sections of new curb and sidewalk, and are widening the north side of the roadway

A separate contract will go to bid shortly to build the connection between existing Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and the Parkway near Route 63 (Welsh Road). A third companion project is scheduled to start in mid-2010 to 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 nearly 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 existing Route 202 and other nearby roads. The new roadway will be located 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 to the Parkway.

Access to the Parkway will be available at a southern terminus interchange at Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) near Route 63 (Welsh Road), and at an interchange with the Route 611 Bypass 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

- Route 63 (Welsh Road),

- 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 Route 202 Parkway is expected to be completed by November 2011.