

202-700 Parkway Construction Update January/February 2010

PENNDOT MAKING COLD WEATHER PROGRESS ON ROUTE 202 PARKWAY'S SOUTHERN SECTION *Early stage work starts on Parkway's central and northern sections*

Though the arrival of winter weather has limited construction activities somewhat, earth moving and structure building activities for the Route 202 Parkway continue between Knapp Road and Route 463 (Horsham Road) while contractors begin early-stage activities on the two remaining sections of Parkway to the north.

Excavation for the roadway and subsurface drainage components remains active between Route 309 and Route 463 (Horsham Road). A large flood-control structure is being built in this area as well. 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).

Between Knapp Road and Route 309, most of the major excavation south of Route 309 -- to establish a base elevation for the mainline pavement, intersections and ramps -- has been completed. Paving will begin in these areas next summer. Meanwhile, work in that area continues on a drainage structure and on preparations for pouring the concrete deck and parapets on the bridge over Route 309. Deck beams were placed late last year for that four-lane overpass.

Two of the three paving layers are in place for the Parkway between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Knapp Road, as is a segment of the shared-use path and much of the landscaping. The final *wearing course* pavement layer will be applied to the entire segment as one of the final work items this coming fall.

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

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 early 2011.

Work Starts on Sections 711, 721

Contractors for the two northern sections of the Parkway – including the 3.3-mile middle section (Section 711) between Route 463 (Horsham Road) and Pickertown Road and the 3.4-mile northern section (Section 721) from Pickertown Road to Route 611 – have begun early-stage construction activities.

PennDOT awarded a \$42 million contract for Section 721 and a \$25 million contract for Section 711 in 2009. Preparatory activities include site clearing, installation of

environmental controls and placement of center-line stakes across the two sections. Work will ramp-up significantly in early spring.

Construction also continues 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. Work continues to widen the north side of Route 463.

PennDOT has received bids to build the connection between existing Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and the Parkway near Route 63 (Welsh Road). Work there should be underway by early spring. 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 Parkway 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 intersection at 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 in late 2011.