

Route 202 Parkway Construction Update September 2010

Paving Underway at Parkway's Southern Section; Bridge Building, Utilities and Excavation Continuing in Central and Southern Sections

Ongoing utility work at DeKalb Pike Connection; Work set to start on County Line Road

The Route 202 Parkway's southern section (701) is progressing toward completion this fall while crews remain busy building bridges, installing drainage structures, relocating utilities and continuing excavation on the Parkway's other two mainline sections (711, 721) and on the southern connection to Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) (65N).

Following is a summary of progress that has been made along with the ongoing activities and expected traffic impacts, by section, running from south to north along a nine-mile corridor through Lower Gwynedd, Upper Gwynedd, Montgomery, Warrington and Doylestown townships.

Section 65N – Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) Improvements and Southern Parkway Connector

Excavation for widening has been finished on the east side of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) from south of Hancock Street through Route 63 (Welsh Road). Drainage facilities – basins, inlets, piping – are being installed along the length of the excavated area.

The Parkway connector is under construction in the triangular area bordered by Route 202 (DeKalb Pike), Route 63 (Welsh Road) and the now-closed northern section of Swedesford Road (behind the Wawa Store). Crews have constructed a drainage basin and installed inlets in the adjacent residential development. The closed section of Swedesford Road has been paved.

At the lower section of Swedesford Road, located on the west side of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) south of Hancock Street, a new "T" intersection has replaced the original diagonal connection with Route 202 (DeKalb Pike). A drainage basin also is under construction at that location.

Utility crews continue to install electric and gas lines down the center of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike), stretching from just south of Hancock Road toward Route 63 (Welsh Road). This work, which requires daytime lane closures, will continue through September.

Utility relocation also continues along Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) north of Route 63 (Welsh Road) and along Route 63 (Welsh Road) approaching Route 202 (DeKalb Pike), which will be widened north of Welsh Road. These activities are the first phase of work to improve 2.1 miles Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and .8 miles of Route 63 (Welsh Road) approaching the southern entry to the Parkway.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Weekday lane closures, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) south of Welsh Road.**
- **Periodic weekday lane closures, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Route 63 (Welsh Road).**
- **Slow moving traffic on northbound Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) approaching Route 63 (Welsh Road) and on Route 63 (Welsh Road) approaching Route 202 (DeKalb Pike).**
- **Swedesford Road (upper) closed permanently.**

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Section 701 – Parkway construction between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 463 (Horsham Road)

Route 63 (Welsh Road) to Knapp Road

Route 202 Parkway construction is virtually finished in this section. Placement of the final paving layer – the *riding surface* – will be done this fall.

Knapp Road to Route 309

Work is wrapping up on the construction of a small bridge carrying the Parkway over a tributary of the Neshaminy Creek, located about mid-way between Knapp Road and Route 309. The deck is in place and parapets are now being built.

Bulk excavation to establish the Parkway’s main line, intersections, pedestrian trail, ramps and berms is nearing completion and much of the storm water drainage system is in place. A Trailhead Parking Area also is being built adjacent to Route 309 at the Parkway ramp. Paving in this area – including the Shared Use Path – is expected to begin this fall.

The new overpass at Route 309 is finished.

Route 309 to Route 463 (Horsham Road)

All drainage structures, bridges, berms and retaining walls are in place north of Route 309. Improvements have been completed on cross streets (Costco Drive, Drive A), much of the landscaping has been planted and the Shared Use Path has been built.

Paving crews have placed two layers of asphalt – the *binder* and *base* courses –between Route 463 (Horsham Road) and the new bridge over Route 309. Widening of Route 463 (Horsham Road) at its intersection with the Parkway continues.

Traffic Restrictions

- Occasional weekday lane closures, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Route 463 (Horsham Road).

Companion Project Section MW1 – Route 463 (Horsham Road) Widening

The widening of Route 463 (Horsham Road) to four lanes with a center turn lane between North Wales Road and General Hancock Boulevard has been completed.

Section 711 – Parkway construction between Route 463 (Horsham Road) and Pickertown Roads

Route 463 (Horsham Road) to County Line Road

Excavating for drainage basins and the roadway’s footprint continues. Abutments are in place for one of the stream crossings in this section. Work also is underway for abutments for a second bridge.

County Line Road to Limekiln Pike

Deck paving is set to begin for the bridge over Mill Creek just north of Detweiler Road, which is closed permanently between Stump and Lower State roads. Construction continues at the Trailhead Parking Area off of Stump Road. Bulk excavation continues in other parts of this section.

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Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on County Line Road.**
- **Detweiler Road closed permanently.**

Limekiln Pike to Pickertown Road

Berms are in place on the east side of the Parkway. Controlled blasting to excavate bedrock continues in this area, as does construction of the Parkway's storm water drainage system.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Limekiln Pike and Upper State Road.**

Section 721 – Parkway construction between Pickertown Road and Route 611

Pickertown Road to Bristol Road

Along the south side of Bristol Road near the Parkway, crews built an emergency access road and installed a water line ahead of work to widen and pave Bristol Road in advance of an eastbound detour that is scheduled to be in place this fall between Route 202 and Stump Road. A sanitary sewer remains under construction on the south side of Bristol Road west of Stump Road.

Bristol Road to Almshouse Road

Clearing for the mainline Parkway has been completed between Bristol Road and Neshaminy Creek. A temporary stream crossing – which will allow crews to install the remaining environmental controls and complete site clearing between Neshaminy Creek and Almshouse Road – has been completed.

The contractor has placed a pre-cast arch culvert over an unnamed branch of Neshaminy Creek south of Almshouse Road. Beams have been set and deck construction is underway for the Parkway bridge over Almshouse Road. Work on this bridge will continue through September.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Almshouse Road.**

Almshouse Road to Route 611

Bulk excavation continues south of Lower State Road. The deck for the Parkway bridge over New Britain Road is under construction.

With Wells Road closed and detoured, excavation for the bridge over the Parkway is underway. Crews have excavated the Parkway's path between Wells and Lower State roads and built berms on the east side. A small bridge is under construction in this area as well.

Limited excavation has taken place north of Wells Road, where an interchange with the Route 611 Bypass is to be built.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Almshouse and Lower State roads.**



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- **Wells Road is closed to through traffic.**

The Route 202 Parkway is scheduled to be completed and open to traffic in mid-2012