

Route 202 Parkway Construction Update August 2010

Expanding Excavation, Drainage Work and Bridge Construction Underway on Two Northern Parkway Sections

Widening and utility work continue at Parkway's southern Connection

Activity continues to intensify on the two northern Parkway sections (711, 721) and at the southern connection (65N) with Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) as construction on the Route 202 Parkway settles into the dog days of summer 2010. Crews at the various work areas in Montgomery and Bucks counties are involved in tasks ranging from large-scale excavation and utility relocation to construction of bridges and drainage systems for the nine-mile long roadway.

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 through Lower Gwynedd, [Upper Gwynedd](#), Montgomery, Warrington and Doylestown townships.

Section 65N

Work continues on the west side of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) at Swedesford Road (lower), south of Hancock Street. The existing diagonal connection between Sumneytown Pike and Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) is being rebuilt as a "T" intersection.

On the east side of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike), crews are excavating from Hancock Street to Swedesford Road (upper) to establish the base grade for widening the road to four lanes. They also are installing storm drainage structures and pipe at Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Hancock Road.

Utility work along Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Route 63 (Welsh Road) continues in the project area, and in the closed section of Swedesford Road (upper) adjacent to the triangular area behind the Wawa Store where the Parkway connector is being built. The resurfacing of Swedesford Road (upper) is currently scheduled to start in late July.

These activities are the first phase of work to improve 2.1 miles Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and nearly a mile of Route 63 (Welsh Road) approaching the southern entry to the Parkway.

Traffic Restrictions

- **A weekday detour, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., of through traffic may be in place on Swedesford Road (lower).**
- **Weekday lane closures, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Route 63 (Welsh Road).**
 - **Slow moving traffic on 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.**
- **Periodic nighttime lane restrictions on Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) as announced.**

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Section 701

Route 63 (Welsh Road) to Knapp Road

Installation of split rail fence continues in this area where the Parkway construction is virtually complete. The final paving layer – the *riding surface* – will be placed this fall.

Knapp Road to Route 309

Bulk excavation to establish the Parkway's main line, intersections and ramps is nearing completion. Most of the storm water piping is in place with paving operations scheduled to start this summer.

Crews have placed the concrete deck and have started building the approach slab for a small bridge over a tributary of the Neshaminy Creek, which is located about midway between Knapp Road and Route 309. The approach slabs are complete and the bridge parapets are under construction at the new overpass at Route 309

Route 309 to Route 463 (Horsham Road)

Work continues on the final grading for the pavement's base and for the placement of the new road's sub-base. Crews are also installing curb and barrier along with building the Shared Use Path. Paving operations are scheduled to start in early August. Crews will work north to south from Route 463 (Horsham Road) toward Route 309.

Costco Drive, which intersects the Parkway just south of Route 463 (Horsham Road), has been repaved. The detour at Garden Golf and Costco Drive is scheduled to be removed by late-July.

The widening of Route 463 (Horsham Road) at its intersection with the Parkway continues.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Costco Drive closed until mid-June.**
- **Occasional weekday lane closures, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Route 463 (Horsham Road).**

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Section MW1

Route 463 (Horsham Road) Widening

Work is now underway to rebuild the existing center section of the road. The final paving course and permanent pavement markings to complete this project are expected to finish prior to the end of July.

Section 711

Route 463 (Horsham Road) to County Line Road

With the majority of the clearing complete, crews continue to place environmental controls (e.g., silt fences, filters, perimeter fencing), storm drainage systems, and bulk excavation for drainage basins and the roadway's footprint.

Construction of bridge abutments continues at one of the two small stream crossing structures that will be built in this section.

County Line Road to Limekiln Pike

Most of this section has been cleared, environmental controls are in place and bulk excavation continues.

Construction of the bridge deck continues for the crossing at Mill Creek just north of Detweiler Road, which is closed permanently between Stump and Lower State roads.

Curb construction has started for the Trailhead Parking Area off of Stump Road, with paving scheduled for this summer

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on County Line Road.**
- **Detweiler Road closed permanently.**

Limekiln Pike to Pickertown Road

Controlled blasting to excavate bedrock is underway as bulk excavation continues in this area. Environmental controls are in place and construction of the Parkway's storm water drainage system continues.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Limekiln Pike and Upper State Road.**

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Section 721

Pickertown Road to Bristol Road

The installation of environmental controls and clearing operations is taking place and earthwork is moving forward for the construction of the Trailhead parking area, emergency access road and widening of Bristol Road. Underground utility work is occurring with the installation of a sanitary sewer west of Stump Road and continues with the installation of a water line along the south side of Bristol Road.

Bristol Road to Almshouse Road

Utility and construction crews continue to prepare Bristol Road – which will be rebuilt approaching the Parkway – for an eastbound-only detour between Lower State and Upper State roads. The detour is scheduled to be in place later this fall.

Crews have cleared the land between Bristol Road and Neshaminy Creek and a temporary stream crossing – which will allow the contractor to complete the Erosion and Sedimentation controls and clear between Neshaminy Creek and Almshouse Road – has been completed. Components of the subsurface storm water drainage system are under construction at locations across this section.

The contractor is building an abutment for the Parkway bridge over Almshouse Road and work on this bridge will continue through the summer. Construction is also in progress to build a pre-cast Arch Bridge over an Unnamed Branch of Neshaminy Creek south of Almshouse Road.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Almshouse Road.**

Almshouse Road to Route 611

Environmental controls are being installed, and clearing is now complete from Almshouse to Lower State roads.

Crews are building the bridge deck for the Parkway Bridge over New Britain Road. The bridge will remain under construction through the summer.

The Wells Road detour started June 28 and crews are currently preparing the area for the mass excavation operations which precedes construction of the new bridge to support Wells Road above the Parkway.

Traffic Restrictions

- **Periodic flagger-controlled lane closures, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Almshouse, Lower State and Wells roads.**
- **Wells Road detour in place.**