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PennDOT to Begin Construction of Central Section of Route 202 Parkway in Montgomery and Bucks Counties

Crews to Build 3.3 Miles of the Parkway between Route 463 and Pickertown Road

King of Prussia – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation today announced that work will begin late next week to build the central section of the new Route 202 Parkway between Route 463 and Pickertown Road in Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, and Warrington Township, Bucks County.

Weather permitting, crews will begin work Thursday (Jan. 21) to build the 3.3-mile central section of the Parkway. The contractor will initially install construction fencing and clear land for the Parkway starting at County Line Road and moving north. Among the first major operations to commence following clearing is the building of the Parkway bridge over Mill Creek near the intersection of Detweiler Road.

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. of Blooming Glen, Bucks County, is the general contractor on the \$25,052,592 project.

This contract is one of three PennDOT is employing to build the 8.6-mile long Route 202 Parkway between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 611. PennDOT began building the Parkway in November 2008 with the construction of the 1.8-mile long section between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 463 (Horsham Road) in Montgomery County. Construction is scheduled to start Monday (Jan. 18) on the northern section between Pickertown Road and Route 611 in Bucks County.

The Parkway, which will have four travel lanes between Route 63 and Route 463 and two lanes between Route 463 and Route 611, is scheduled to open in late 2011. The \$200 million project is financed with 100 percent state funds.

The Parkway's central section will have one travel lane in each direction with left turn lanes at all intersections and on major side roads. It also will include:

- Five-foot wide paved shoulder/bicycle lanes with an additional three-foot wide shoulder for emergency access and breakdowns;
- An independent 12-foot wide shared-use path serving walkers and bicyclists. Four access points to the trail will be available within this section of the Parkway;
- A new bridge to carry Pickertown Road over the Parkway;

- Two new structures over tributaries to the Neshaminy Creek between Route 463 (Horsham Road) and County Line Road in Montgomery Township;
- A bridge carrying the Parkway over Mill Creek north of Detweiler Road;
- A concrete arch structure to provide access within the segmented property of the St. John Neumann Cemetery;
- Two new signalized intersections (Parkway/County Line Road and Parkway/Limekiln Pike);
- Modifications to an existing traffic signal at Limekiln Pike/Upper State Road;
- The installation of new traffic signal control equipment at the signalized intersections. The new signal control system will detect and collect vehicle data by processing video images and automatically optimize the traffic signal timing in response to real-time traffic demands. Pedestrian accommodations are also included at all signalized intersections including pedestrian signal heads with countdown timers;
- The conversion of Detweiler Road into a cul-de-sac on both sides of the Parkway with emergency access provided;
- Trailhead parking area off Stump Road near County Line Road with a total of 50 parking spaces;
- 16 storm water management facilities;
- 19 wetland restoration areas, 16 riparian buffer areas and a deed restricted area for stream side plantings;
- Approximately 376 linear feet of retaining walls to minimize wetland impacts, stream impacts and right of way impacts. The walls will be built using a design-build process to save construction and design costs; and
- Context sensitive design elements including form liner patterns and painted concrete on all roadway barriers, culverts, retaining walls and bridge surfaces to simulate a traditional, stone appearance; approximately 6,300 feet of landscaped earth berms; extensive landscaping along the roadways and trails; landscaped median islands; riparian buffer plantings along wetlands and waterways; and other aesthetic enhancements.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.

For more information on the Route 202 Parkway, visit www.us202-700.com.

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