

## **PENNDOT BREAKS GROUND FOR ROUTE 202 PARKWAY IN MONTGOMERY, BUCKS COUNTIES**

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State Transportation Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E., state and local officials broke ground today for the \$200-million, 8.4-mile Route 202 Parkway in Montgomery and Bucks counties.

“Today we highlight the beginning of construction to build this specially designed roadway that will ease congestion and blend in with the communities along the heavily traveled corridor between Montgomeryville and Doylestown,” Biehler said.

PennDOT is starting construction on the first of three phases. The roadway is expected to be completed in 2011.

The initial phase of the project will cost \$31.7 million and will build the 1.8-mile portion of the Parkway between Route 63 and Route 463 in Montgomery Township, Montgomery County. J.D. Eckman Inc. of Atglen is the general contractor.

The two remaining phases, constructing the Parkway from Route 463 to Pickertown Road in Warrington Township, Bucks County, and from Pickertown Road to Route 611 in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, are expected to begin in mid-2009.

The Parkway will feature:

- Four 11-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, between Route 63 and Route 463 in Montgomery County, a distance of 1.8 miles.
- Two 11-foot-wide travel lanes, one in each direction, from north of Route 463 to its connection with Route 611 in Buck County, a distance of 6.6 miles.
- Five-foot paved shoulders/bicycle lanes and an additional stabilized shoulder for emergency access and breakdowns.
- Nine signalized intersections at: Knapp Road; Connector Road to Route 309; Costco Drive; Route 463; Knapp Road/Witchwood Drive; County Line Road; Route 152; Bristol Road; and Lower State Road.
- Left turn lanes at all intersections and on major cross streets.
- Eleven new bridges, including overpasses at Route 309, Almshouse Road and New Britain Road and underpasses at Pickertown Road and Wells Road.
- A 12-foot-wide, bicycle/walking path along the entire length of the Parkway and 19 access points to the trail.
- Five trailhead parking areas adjacent to the Parkway at Knapp Road, Route 309, near Stump Road/County Line Road intersection, Bristol Road, and New Britain Road.

- Liner patterns and stained concrete on all roadway barriers, culverts, retaining walls and bridge surfaces to simulate a traditional, stone appearance; 14,300 linear feet of landscaped earth berms; landscaped median islands; riparian buffer plantings along wetlands and waterways; and other aesthetic enhancements.
- A posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour and the designation of U.S. Route 202 upon its opening in 2011.

Additional information on the Route 202 Parkway is available at [www.us202-700.com](http://www.us202-700.com).