



News for Immediate Release

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Short Stretch of Swedesford Road to Close Permanently Between Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Route 63 (Welsh Road) in Lower Gwynedd Township

King of Prussia – Motorists using Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) may encounter increased congestion approaching the intersection of Route 63 (Welsh Road) beginning Monday (May 10) when a section of Swedesford Road in Lower Gwynedd Township is closed permanently between Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Route 63 (Welsh Road), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today.

The closure of this part of Swedesford Road is required to build a new roadway that will connect the southern end of the Route 202 Parkway with Route 202 (DeKalb Pike). The block-long section of Swedesford Road is used regularly by commuters to avoid the intersection of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and Route 63 (Welsh Road).

Closing the block-long section of Swedesford Road will require all traffic that normally uses the roadway as a cut-through to instead use the signalized Route 202 (DeKalb Pike)/Route 63 (Welsh Road) intersection. The increased traffic and turning movements at the intersection may result in backups on northbound Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and westbound Route 63 (Welsh Road).

In addition, motorists in the area may encounter flaggers and single-lane travel conditions on Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) between Hancock Road and Route 309 and on Route 63 (Welsh Road) between Stump Road and Bell Run Boulevard on Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for utility relocation activities.

Drivers are urged to add extra time for travel through the intersection and construction zone or to avoid the areas if possible.

This work is part of the \$17.8 million project to widen and improve two miles of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) in Upper Gwynedd, Lower Gwynedd and Montgomery townships and to build the connector road between Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) and the new Route 202 Parkway.

PennDOT reminds motorists to 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 Route 202, visit www.us202-700.com or www.us202.com.