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### Project Milestones

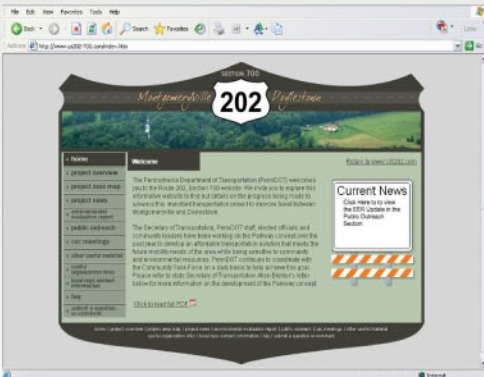
PennDOT's US 202 Parkway Project Team recently reached several project milestones in its continuing effort to move the project through the final engineering phase and into construction in spring 2008. These milestones included:

- **Environmental Evaluation Report (EER) Approval** - The US 202, Section 700 EER was approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 16, 2007. The EER documented the environmental impacts and transportation alternatives under study between Montgomeryville and Doylestown. PennDOT recommended the Parkway to relieve traffic congestion and improve capacity and safety between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 611. The EER described the project's background and the changing conditions and needs which called for a new approach to project planning and design. It also illustrated how the Parkway design compares with other improvement alternatives; gave details on the benefits, impacts, and mitigation plan; and provided information on how environmental review agencies and the public were involved in the planning process, as well as summarizing their views and concerns. Finally, the EER outlined the next steps in advancing the project.
- **Submission of Permit Applications to Resource Agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Montgomery County Conservation District (MCCD))** - PennDOT is required to obtain federal (ACOE) and state (DEP) authorization to work and place fill in navigable waters of the United States and for water obstructions and encroachments to the flood plain and/or the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and Commonwealth, including wetlands. State (DEP) and county (MCCD) approvals authorize the control, management, and discharge of storm water from construction activity as well as the control of soil erosion and sedimentation pollution.
- **US 202 Designation for the Parkway and Inclusion to the National Highway System** - On May 8, 2007, PennDOT made a presentation to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) regarding Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Criteria and Process for Revision to the National Highway System (NHS), which includes US 202. Concurrently, PennDOT submitted an application to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requesting the relocation of the US 202 designation from its current route to the Parkway. Both requests were approved.
- **Two Noise Study Updates for Section 701 in June 2007** - A pair of meetings were held to inform citizens of how the project noise study was performed; its results; and to review how other design components affect noise and aesthetics, such as earth berms and landscaping. Future meetings regarding noise are planned for Sections 711 and 721 in Montgomery County and Bucks County.

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### Website



Updates were recently made to the US 202, Section 700 Project website to provide additional information on the Parkway design and to make it easier for visitors to navigate the site. The updates include a new organization of topics and documents, including Project News, Environmental Evaluation Report and CAC Meetings. We are continually updating the Parkway map as engineering design progresses, including the trail location and access points, berms and right-of-way lines. To view the updated website, you may need to delete browser history or 'refresh' the web pages. New items are being added all the time, so please check back often! If you have any questions about the project or the website, you can contact the project team under the "Submit a Question or Comment" page.

## Customer Advisory Committee

A long-time staple of representative public involvement, a Customer Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of members of various groups or interests that are likely to be affected by a PennDOT project. The purpose of a CAC is to provide a comprehensive and orderly means of involving local community interests in a project. Members fairly represent the concerns of neighborhood groups, business organizations, environmentalists, various transportation modes, local government officials, planners, historic preservation groups, elderly citizens, individuals with disabilities and other community interests.

The CAC gives designated members the opportunity to communicate directly with the project team. The role of the group is to express the views of the community and to make recommendations in the interest of its neighborhood. In addition, the CAC provides the following benefits:

- Communicates information presented by the project team back to interest groups
- Discusses project progress, work efforts, and activities
- Educates CAC members on technical issues and design processes
- Ensures that information is understandable to the public

PennDOT holds regular CAC meetings for the residents of Montgomery, Warrington and Doylestown Townships. Due to the commercial nature of the landuse within Section 701, additional CAC meetings are conducted for the business community in Montgomery Township. All CAC meeting minutes can be found on the project website at [www.us202-700.com](http://www.us202-700.com)

## What's Next

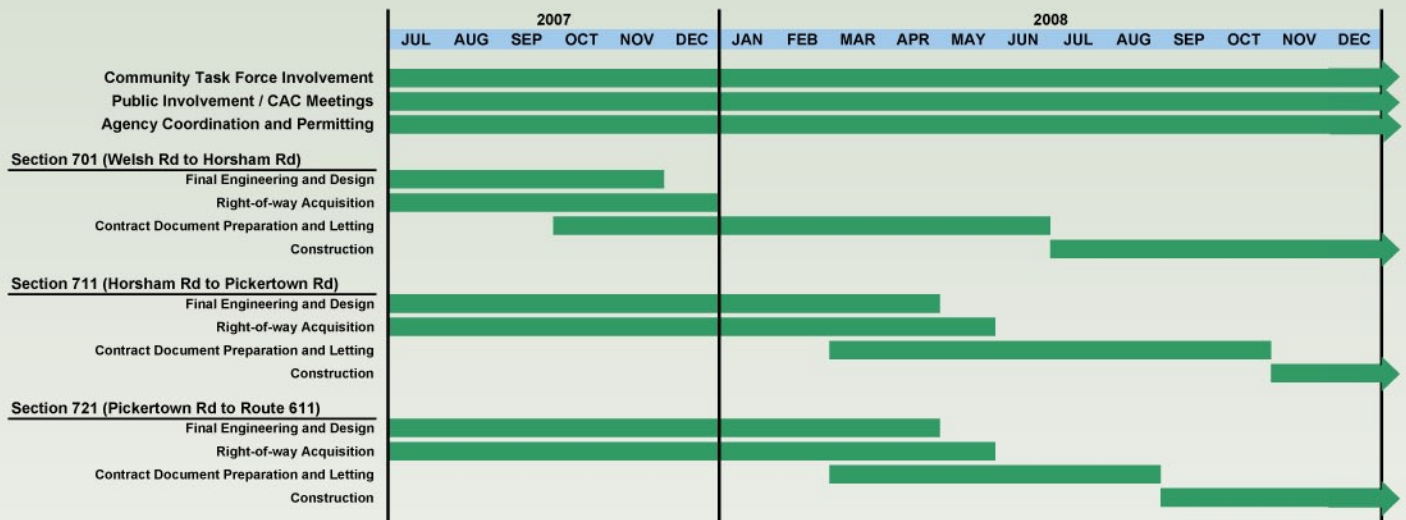
PennDOT is continuing to work to complete the final engineering plans for the Parkway, which is divided into three sections for design and construction. They are:

- Section 701 (Route 63/Welsh Road to Route 463/Horsham Road)
- Section 711 (Route 463/Horsham Road to Pickertown Road)
- Section 721 (Pickertown Road to Route 611 Interchange)

Submission of the Final Plans, Specifications & Estimates, or PS&E, for Construction 701 is scheduled for the end of this summer. PennDOT plans to advertise Section 701 first for construction, followed by Section 721, and then Section 711.

Local PennDOT staff in Engineering District 6 are continuing the process of obtaining right-of-way (i.e., property acquisition) required for the Parkway.

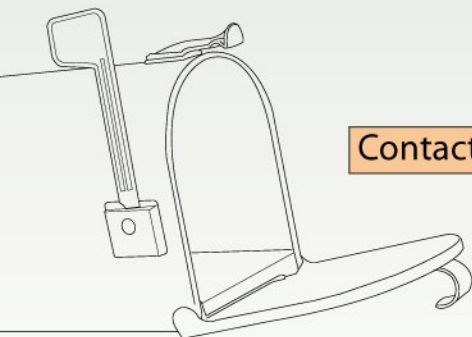
### Project Schedule



## Contact Us!

Your input and suggestions are important to PennDOT. If you are interested in being added to the project mailing list or have comments on the project, please contact:

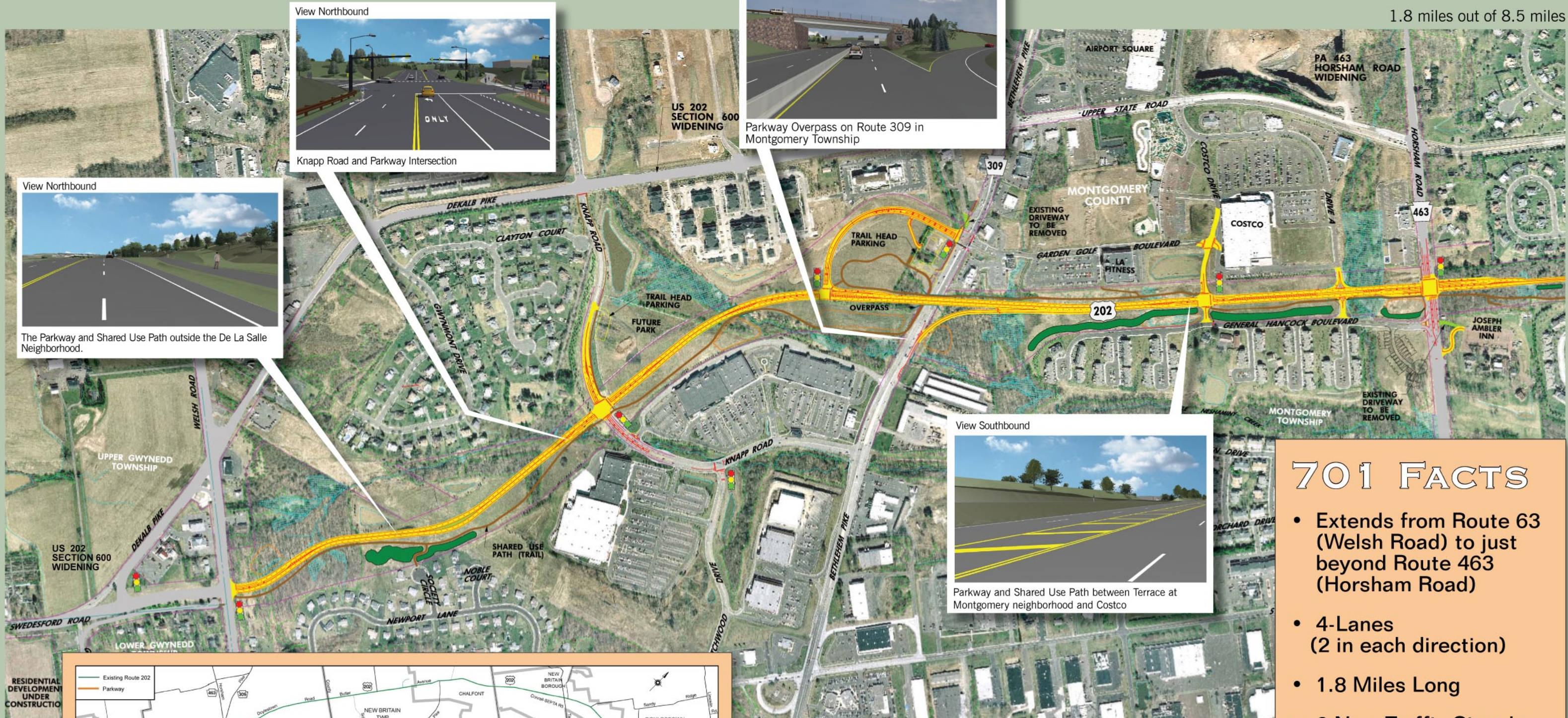
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The Route 202 Parkway is an 8 1/2 mile roadway that is designed to enhance travel and reduce congestion along the heavily-traveled corridor between Montgomeryville and Doylestown. The map included in this edition of the Section 700 update focuses on the Parkway's southern section (Section 701). Subsequent editions of the newsletter will feature an oversized map of the Parkway's central (Section 711) and northern (Section 721) sections.

# Section Focus on 701

1.8 miles out of 8.5 miles

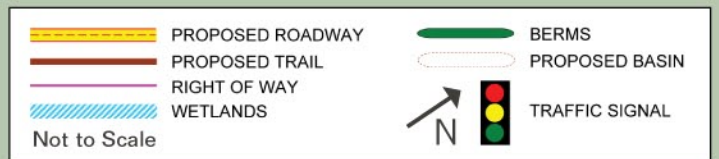
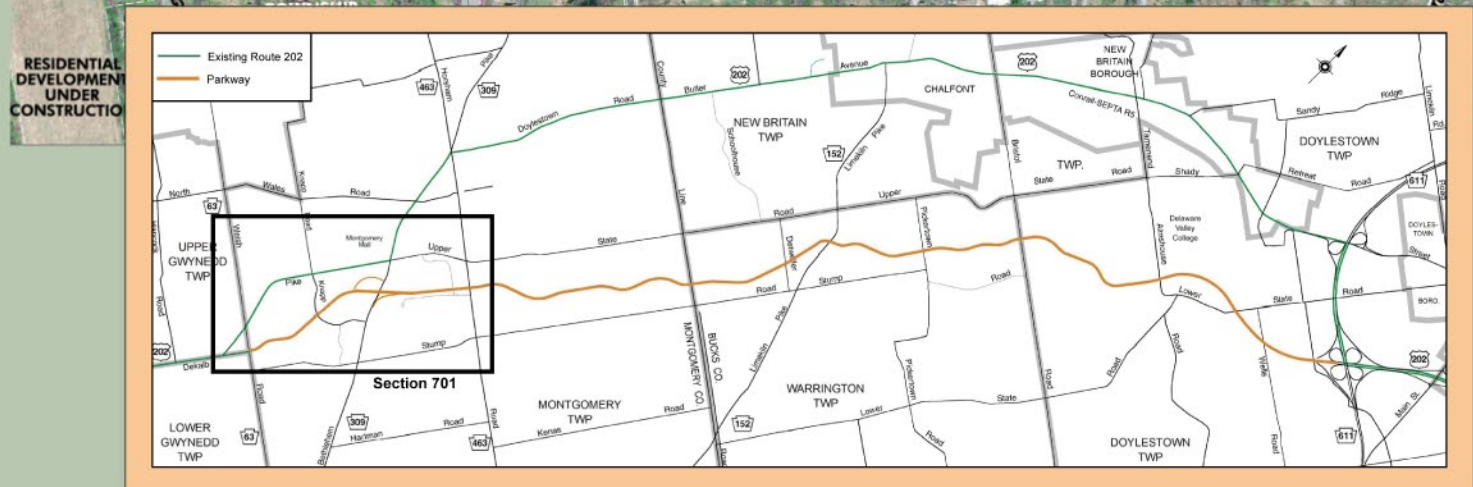


View Northbound  
The Parkway and Shared Use Path outside the De La Salle Neighborhood.

View Northbound  
Knapp Road and Parkway Intersection

View Northbound  
Parkway Overpass on Route 309 in Montgomery Township

View Southbound  
Parkway and Shared Use Path between Terrace at Montgomery neighborhood and Costco



## 701 FACTS

- Extends from Route 63 (Welsh Road) to just beyond Route 463 (Horsham Road)
- 4-Lanes (2 in each direction)
- 1.8 Miles Long
- 6 New Traffic Signals
- 2 Miles of Trail /Shared Use Path
- 9 Trail Access Points