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**PENNDOT ANNOUNCES 2009 ALLEGHENY COUNTY HIGHWAY AND
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Pittsburgh, PA - PennDOT District 11 is pleased to announce major improvements will occur in 2009 on state-owned roads and bridges in Allegheny County.

District 11 will invest an estimated \$369 million (includes maintenance activities and capital investments) to improve, preserve or rehabilitate key infrastructure in Allegheny County.

“We are pleased once again to be able to deliver these important infrastructure improvements for our District,” District Executive Dan Cessna, P.E. said. “Our focus continues to shift toward bridges, but we are also investing significant dollars to continue efforts to improve and maintain the overall transportation network in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence counties.”

Here’s a preview of the major improvements scheduled for 2009 in Allegheny County:

Projects Continued from 2008

· **Route 19 West End Improvements:** The \$52.6 million West End Improvement Project located at the south end of the West End Bridge, known locally as the West End Circle, started construction in late 2007 and will conclude in 2010. The West End Circle is comprised of four main roadways: Saw Mill Run Boulevard (State Route 19 and State Route 51), West Carson Street (State Route 837), South Main Street (State Route 60) and Steuben Street. The project includes the re-alignment and reconstruction of the West End Circle, replacement of two bridges, widening of Route 19, lengthening acceleration and deceleration lanes, construction of three retaining walls and new drainage, guide rail, landscaping, highway lighting, traffic signals, signing, pavement markings, ITS components, and other improvements. Route 19 (Saw Mill Run Boulevard) will be realigned with the West End Bridge using the existing Norfolk Southern Railroad overpass. Motorists should expect various restrictions, closures and detours during the course of the project.

- **Parkway West Interchange (I-79/I-279) Missing Ramps:** The \$67.4 million I-79 Parkway West “missing ramps” project started in late 2006 and the new ramps: I-79 South onto Route 22/30 West (Ramp G); and Route 22/30 East onto I-79 North (Ramp H), opened to traffic this fall. Work to widen the Parkway West (Route 22/30) will conclude in summer 2009. The added lanes will begin at the Campbells Run Road interchange and extend to the I-79 interchange for an approximate length of 1.6 miles. Upon completion of the project, there will be

three lanes of traffic in both directions through the interchange. Note: Several night and possibly five full weekend closures of the Parkway West will be necessary to complete paving operations this spring.

- **Route 3069 Liberty Tunnel Rehabilitation Phase I:** The \$5.3 million project includes repairs of concrete, conduits, luminaries and hanger systems inside the Liberty Tunnels. Construction also includes the removal of a deteriorated portal facade. Motorists should expect nighttime lane closures and detours throughout the duration of the project which started in April 2008 and concludes in fall 2009. Phase II will begin this fall and conclude in late 2010.
- **Route 28 Etna Interchange Phase IV:** The \$22.5 million project includes bituminous and concrete pavement reconstruction, approach roadway widening, drainage, guide rail, curb, shoulders, highway lighting, signing, pavement marking, bridge reconstruction, wall construction, and other improvements on 2.33 miles of Route 28 in the interchange area south of Route 8 to approximately 400 feet north of Route 1005 (Highland Park Bridge). Northbound Route 28 will be closed for an extended period this summer. Motorists should also expect ramp detours. Construction started in 2008 and will conclude in late 2009. Phase V of the Etna Interchange improvements will begin in early 2010.
- **Route 3104 McKees Rocks Bridge Preservation:** The \$6.8 million project includes sidewalk replacement and deck, parapet and expansion dam repairs to the McKees Rocks Bridge over the Ohio River in the City of Pittsburgh. Detours and lane closures may occur during the project which started in late 2008 and will conclude in late 2009.
- **Route 380 Penn Circle:** Started in the spring of 2008, this \$2.9 million project to improve Penn Avenue from Penn Circle to Fifth Avenue and Route 8 from Point Breeze to Frankstown Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh will continue and conclude in fall 2009.
- **Route 3026 Millers Run Road Bridge:** This \$4.5 million project to replace the bridge that carries Route 3026 over Millers Run started in October. The bridge is currently closed to traffic. The project will be completed in fall 2009.
- **Route 60 to Route 22/30:** The majority of work on this \$7.4 million improvement project on Route 60 from Route 22/30 to the Business 60 split in Robinson Township was completed in 2008 although some bridge painting will occur through fall 2009.
- **Route 3028 Presto Sygan Slide:** Work on this \$828,112 project to repair an existing slide and reconstruct damaged roadway on Route 3028 Presto Sygan Road in South Fayette Township started in late 2008. The roadway will remain closed until the project is completed in spring 2009.
- **I-79 Bridges:** Already underway in late 2008, this \$7.8 million project will paint and repair four bridges on I-79: Route 910 (includes a new bridge deck) over I-79

at the Wexford Interchange, and bridges that carry I-79 over the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Route 19.

New Projects for 2009

- **I-279 Parkway North Phase II:** The next phase of District 11's efforts to rehabilitate and preserve the Parkway North (I-279) from Camp Horne Road to the I-79 interchange will continue in 2009. Phase II begins March 2. The \$17.4 million project in 2009 includes concrete patching, bituminous overlay, bridge preservation, drainage and guide rail upgrades, and merge lane extensions. Some ramp detours and lane closures will occur. All lanes will be open during peak morning and evening traffic periods. Work will be completed in late 2009.
- **Parkway East (I-376) Churchill to PA Turnpike:** Phases IV and V of District 11's efforts to improve the Parkway East will address the final remaining sections from Churchill to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The work in 2009 will occur on the inbound (westbound) lanes only. The \$24.7 million project includes milling and resurfacing all lanes and ramps, bridge repairs and painting, and other improvements similar to what has occurred on previous projects. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak periods. The project also includes rehabilitation of the Jefferson Heights Bridge over the Parkway East in Penn Hills. Inbound work and the bridge rehabilitation will begin in late March 2009. Phase V will occur in 2010 on the outbound lanes.
- **Route 837 East Carson Street Widening:** Although this \$14.3 million project was sponsored by the City of Pittsburgh and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, PennDOT will manage its construction. The project includes widening, resurfacing, and sidewalk and curb improvements on East Carson Street from 25th Street to 33rd Street adjacent to the South Side Works. Lane closures will occur. The project will begin on March 9 and will conclude in fall 2010.
- **Route 28 Southbound Millvale to Etna:** This \$2.3 million project will concrete patch and overlay southbound Route 28 from the Etna Bypass to the Millvale Interchange. Work also includes drainage, guide rail upgrades and wall painting. Traffic restrictions will occur during off peak hours, nights and weekends. The project will begin in early 2009 and conclude in early 2010.
- **Route 28 Creighton to Butler County:** This project will begin where the 2008 project on Route 28 ended near the Creighton Interchange and continues to Butler County. Work includes concrete patching in both directions. Traffic restrictions will occur during off peak hours, nights and weekends. The estimated \$3-10 million project will begin in early summer and conclude in fall 2009.
- **Route 22/30/60 Interchange:** This estimated \$10-15 million project will reconfigure the interchange near Robinson Towne Center to address safety and mobility by improving weaving conditions. A partial diamond interchange will be constructed to replace the existing cloverleaf design. Work will begin in mid-2009 and will conclude in late 2010. Detours and lane closures will occur.

- **Route 837 Slide Repair:** This \$742,500 project will repair an existing slide along Route 837 between Dravosburg and West Mifflin boroughs. Work is underway and will conclude in 2009.
- **Route 3054 Baldwin Road Slide:** Estimated between \$1-3 million, this project will repair an existing slide on Baldwin Road in Collier Township. Work will begin in spring 2009 and conclude in summer 2010. Traffic will be detoured.
- **Route 3069 Liberty Avenue Rehabilitation:** Starting in the summer of 2009, this estimated \$1-3 million project includes pavement reconstruction and rehabilitation on Route 3069 (Liberty Avenue) from the Liberty Bridge to Forbes Avenue. Off peak and weekend lane closures and detours may occur. Work will conclude in fall 2009.
- **Route 8 Wildwood to Turnpike:** This project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage, guide rail and curb upgrades on Route 8 from Wildwood Road to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The estimated \$1-3 million project will begin this summer and conclude in fall 2009.
- **Route 8 Wilkinsburg Traffic Signals:** The project will improve congestion and traffic flow on Route 8 from the Parkway East to South Braddock Avenue in the Borough of Wilkinsburg. The estimated \$1-3 million project will begin this summer and conclude this fall.
- **Route 28 Widening Preparation:** Two projects estimated at \$20-60 million include work to prepare the area along Route 28 for the upcoming East Ohio Street improvement project from East Ohio Street to the 40th Street Bridge. The 2009 prep-projects will relocate railroad tracks, improve alternate routes, remove buildings and other work needed to begin the larger improvement project. Work will begin in early 2009 and conclude in 2010.
- **Route 28 Heinz Wall Repairs:** Construction will take place off the shoulder of northbound Route 28 between Chestnut Street and Heinz Street in the city of Pittsburgh. The \$2.8 million project includes reinforcing the existing MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) wall with a soldier beam and lagging wall. Some ramp and lane closures will be necessary. Construction is underway and will conclude in 2009.
- **Route 88 Library Road:** This \$4.3 million project includes milling and resurfacing, additional turning lanes, new drainage and guide rail on Route 88 (Library Road) from Castle Shannon Boulevard to Grove Road in Castle Shannon Borough and the City of Pittsburgh. Motorists should expect possible detours and lane restrictions. Construction will begin in early 2009 and conclude this fall.
- **Route 30 Westinghouse Bridge:** The \$3.9 million project includes expansion dam and bearing repairs, spot painting, fence repairs and patching on the bridge that carries Route 30 over Turtle Creek in East Pittsburgh Borough. Lane closures should be expected. Construction begins March 2 and will conclude in fall 2009.

- **Route 978 North Branch Road Bridge:** This \$1.7 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 978 North Branch Road over Robinson Run in North Fayette Township. Construction is underway and the bridge is closed. The project will conclude in early 2010.
- **Route 1010 Harts Run Road Bridge:** The \$450,000 project will replace the bridge that carries Route 1010 Hart's Run Road over a branch of Hart's Run in Hampton Township. A detour will be necessary during construction. The project will begin in early 2009 and conclude in the fall.
- **Route 51 Roadway/Hutchinson Hill Bridge:** This \$6.9 million project will replace the Hutchinson Hill Bridge, which carries Route 51 over Fallen Timber Run in Elizabeth and Forward townships. The bridge will remain open during the work. The bridge project is also combined with concrete patching and overlay, signal upgrades and other improvements on Route 51 from 3,000 feet south of Roberts Hollow Road to the northern end of the Elizabeth Bridge. Overall work will begin in early 2009 and conclude in late 2009.
- **I-79 Neville Island Ramps/Route 65 Improvements:** Located on Route 65 in the area of the Neville Island Bridge, this \$10-20 million project includes roadway reconstruction and bridge restoration. The work also includes rehabilitating several ramps and bridge structures at the I-79/Route 65 Neville Island Bridge Interchange. The project will start in early summer and conclude in mid 2010.
- **Route 4052 Warrendale Bayne Improvements Phase II:** Single lane traffic will be maintained during this estimated \$5-10 million project to widen and improve intersections on Route 4052 in Marshall Township. Work will begin in summer 2009 and conclude in early 2010.
- **Route 910 Locust Hill:** This estimated \$10-15 million project includes full depth pavement reconstruction, crack and seat with overlay, guiderail upgrades, drainage improvements, shoulder, roadway and washout repairs and minor bridge work on Route 910 from Route 28 to Saxonburg Boulevard in Indiana and Harmar townships. Detours and lane restrictions may occur. Work will begin in summer 2009 and conclude in fall 2010.
- **Route 910 Left Turn Lanes:** Work will begin this summer on an estimated \$0.5-1 million project to construct left turn lanes at the intersection of Route 910 (Wexford Bayne Road) and Route 4053 (Wexford Run Road). The project will be completed in late 2009.
- **Route 3089 Flaugherty Run Bridge Replacement:** This \$1.9 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 3089 (Flaugherty Run Road) over Flaugherty Run near the intersection with Route 51 in Moon Township. Traffic will be detoured during construction, which will begin in early 2009 and conclude in the fall.

- **Route 3117 Dorrington Road Bridge:** Estimated between \$1-3 million, this project will replace the bridge that carries Dorrington Road over Robinson Run in Collier Township. Roadway improvements will also occur. The project will begin in late spring 2009 and conclude in the fall. Traffic will be detoured during construction.
- **Route 978 Battle Ridge Road Bridge:** This estimated \$1.5-3 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 978 Battle Ridge Road over Dolphin Run in McDonald Borough. The project will begin this summer and conclude in late 2010. Traffic will be detoured.
- **I-279 Parkway West Bridges:** This estimated \$1-3 million project will replace rocker bearings, repair concrete and replace modular dams on three structures on the Parkway West between the Banksville Road and Rosslyn Farms interchanges. The project also includes the installation of an anti-icing system on the bridges at the Carnegie interchange.
- **Forest Grove Bridge over I-79:** Construction started February 23 on this \$6.7 million project to replace the bridge that carries Forest Grove Road over I-79 in Kennedy Township. The bridge is closed to traffic and lane restrictions will occur during non-peak periods on I-79. The project will be completed in late 2009.
- **Bridge Replacement Projects:** The following bridge improvement projects will be improved under a single contract through the Accelerated Bridge Program. Construction schedules are not determined although the overall project will begin this summer and conclude in early 2011
 - **Route 3021 Lobbs Run Bridge:** This estimated \$1-3 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 3021 Walton Road over Lobbs Run in Jefferson Hills Borough. Traffic will be detoured.
 - **Route 4048 Grubbs Road Bridge:** This estimated \$1-3 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 4048 Grubbs Road over Pine Creek in McCandless Township. Traffic will be detoured.
 - **Route 3051 Kelso Road Bridge:** This estimated \$1-3 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 3051 Kelso Road over the north branch of Robinson Run in North Fayette Township. Traffic will be detoured.
 - **Route 3078 Burgettstown Road Bridge:** This estimated \$0.5-1 million project will rehabilitate the bridge that carries Route 3078 Burgettstown Road over the north branch of Montour Run in Findlay Township. Traffic will be detoured.
 - **Route 8 Gourdhead Run Bridge Rehabilitation:** This project will rehabilitate the bridge that carries Route 8 over Gourdhead Run in Hampton Township. The estimated \$1-3 million project includes superstructure replacement. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction.
 - **Route 4036 Big Sewickley Creek Road Bridge:** This estimated \$1-3 million project

will rehabilitate the bridge that carries Route 4036 Big Sewickley Creek Road over Big Sewickley Creek in Bell Acres Borough. Traffic will be maintained with lane closures.

□ **Route 2031 Lincoln Way Bridge:** This estimated \$1-3 million project will replace the bridge that carries Route 2031 Lincoln Way over Long Run in White Oak Borough. Traffic will be detoured.

- **Tri-Boro Expressway Bridges:**

□ **Route 2083 Tri-Boro Braddock Avenue Bridge:** This estimated \$18-22 million project will rehabilitate the northbound Braddock Avenue Bridge over Turtle Creek in East Pittsburgh. Work includes replacing the bridge deck, piers, and abutments and substructure and superstructure repairs. This is one of several projects to improve bridges on the Tri-Boro Expressway. The project started February 23 and concludes at the end of the year. Tri-Boro traffic is being detoured and other traffic restrictions may occur.

□ **Route 2037 Tri-Boro Expressway:** Estimated between \$10-15 million, this project will rehabilitate the bridge that carries the Tri-Boro Expressway over Turtle Creek near the intersection with Braddock Avenue. The project will begin this summer and conclude in late 2010. Traffic will be detoured.

- **Bridge Expansion Dam Replacements:** Across District 11, PennDOT will invest \$3.8 million to remove and replace expansion dams on various bridges to continue efforts to preserve and extend the life of bridge structures.
- **Parkway North Anti-icing Systems:** PennDOT will install automatic anti-icing systems on the bridges that carry I-279 (Parkway North) over McKnight Road. The estimated \$0.5-1 million project will begin this summer.

Group Resurfacing Contracts

The routes listed below will be improved in 2009 under contract group projects (projects and work areas are subject to change).

- **Route 837 West Carson Street**, City of Pittsburgh: Mill and resurface from Fort Pitt Bridge to West End
- **Route 978 Battle Ridge Road/Union Avenue**, South Fayette/Oakdale: Mill and resurface from Battle Ridge Road to State Street
- **Route 3009 Baptist Road**, Bethel Park: Mill and resurface from Route 88 to the Baptist Road Bridge
- **Route 3072 Montour Run Road**, Moon/Robinson: Mill and resurface from Route 60 to Clever Road
- **Route 3077 Beaver Grade Road**, Moon: Mill and resurface from Montour Run Road to Beaver Grade Road
- **Route 3087 Thorn Run Road**, Moon: Mill and resurface from Beaver Grade Road to

Route 51 (also includes concrete patching or reconstruction at Route 51 intersection)

- **Route 8074 Montour Run Road Ramp**, Moon: Mill and resurface
- **Route 48 Boston Hollow Road**, Elizabeth/Lincoln: Mill and resurface from Lovedale Road to the Boston Bridge
- **Route 48 Mosside Boulevard**, North Versailles/Wall: Mill and resurface from Route 30 to Centralia Avenue
- **Route 130 Broadway Boulevard/Fifth Street**, Monroeville/Pitcairn/Trafford: Mill and resurface from Spring Hill Road to Route 48
- **Route 2001 Center Avenue/McKeesport Road**, Elizabeth: Mill and resurface from Cemetery Street to Lovedale Road
- **Route 2017 Renzie/Industry Road**, Elizabeth: Mill and resurface from Buena Vista/Greenock Road to Route 48
- **Route 910 Gibsonia Road**, Indiana: Mill and resurface, base repair, drainage improvements and shoulder work from Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridge to Route 1013 (Saxonburg Boulevard)
- **Route 4012 Union Avenue**, Avalon/Bellevue/Ross: Mill and resurface, base repair, drainage improvements and shoulder work from North Starr Avenue to Gass Road
- **Route 4012 North Starr Avenue**, Avalon/Bellevue: Mill and resurface, base repair and drainage improvements from Route 65 to Union Avenue
- **Route 4022 Mt. Nebo/Arndt/Reis Run Road**, Ohio/Ross/Franklin Park: Mill, seal coat, drainage improvements and shoulder work from Mt. Nebo Road to Rochester Road
- **Route 4043 Red Mud Hollow Road**, Ohio/Sewickley Hills/Franklin Park: Mill, seal coat, drainage improvements and shoulder work from Mt. Nebo Road to Little Sewickley Creek Road
- **Route 4052 Warrendale Bayne Road**, Marshall/Pine: Mill and resurface, base repair, drainage improvements, shoulder work and joint repairs from Route 19 to Wallace Road

In addition to the work listed above, District 11 will be making many improvements to the transportation system in Allegheny County through various County Maintenance activities. District 11 will also be performing numerous bridge preservation projects around the county in an increased effort to address critical bridge needs. Visit <http://www.state.pa.us/district11> for more information on PennDOT activities in Allegheny County.

PennDOT advises motorists to use caution and slow down when traveling through the area. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility.

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