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Wolf Administration Announces Start of Construction to Rehabilitate Route 52 (Lenape Road) Bridge in Birmingham Township

King of Prussia, PA – The Wolf Administration announced today that the Route 52 (Lenape Road) bridge over the Brandywine Creek Floodplain in Birmingham Township, Chester County, is scheduled to close for rehabilitation on Monday, August 19, through May 2020.

“This bridge rehabilitation will provide needed safety improvements to motorists while maintaining its historical integrity and aesthetics,” said Governor Tom Wolf.

PennDOT will repair, strengthen and restore the deteriorating seven-span, stone masonry arch bridge by removing the bituminous pavement and earth fill; removing and salvaging the parapet stones, capstones and pipe railing; rebuilding deteriorated portions of the spandrel and wing walls; constructing a full-width concrete slab with integral concrete barriers faced with stone from the bridge; reinstalling masonry capstones with repainted pipe railing; repointing the masonry as required; salvaging and resetting the bridge plaque; and installing brown painted guide rail.

In addition, the contractor will rebuild the stone walls at the north end of the bridge at the Route 52 (Lenape Road) and Creek Road intersection and move the walls a bit further away from the intersection to provide additional room for vehicular turning moves.

Built in 1912, this stone masonry bridge is 342 feet long and 24 feet wide stone.

On Monday, August 19, Route 52 (Lenape Road) will close between Pocopson Road and Creek Road. During the closure, Route 52 (Lenape Road) motorists will be detoured over Pocopson Road, Route 926 (Street Road) and Birmingham Road.

Before the closure and detour is implemented, traffic signal work, including timing modifications, will take place at the intersections listed below, with limited impact to motorists:

- Temporary advanced left turn light to be installed on eastbound Route 926 (Street Road) at Birmingham Road;
- Temporary advanced left turn light to be installed on southbound Route 52 (Lenape Road) at Birmingham Road; and
- Permanent flashing yellow left turn arrow to be installed on eastbound Route 926 (Street Road) for left turns onto northbound Pocopson Road.

As construction progresses, Creek Road will also close for approximately seven months later this year, between Route 926 (Street Road) and Route 52 (Lenape Road). During the closure, Creek Road motorists will be detoured over Route 926 (Street Road), Birmingham Road and Route 52 (Lenape Road).

Local access will be maintained up to the work zone for both closures. Drivers are advised to allow extra time when traveling near the work areas because backups and delays will occur. All scheduled activities are weather dependent and subject to change.

Loftus Construction Inc., is the general contractor on the \$3,439,000 project which is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds. The entire project is expected to finish in summer 2020.

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