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PennDOT to Begin Rehabilitation of Old Forty Foot Road Bridge over Branch of Skippack Creek in Montgomery County

Second of Nine Bridges to Move to Construction Under \$7.4 Million Project Funded by Act 89

King of Prussia, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that construction will begin Monday, October 30, to rehabilitate the structurally-deficient bridge carrying Old Forty Foot Road over a branch of Skippack Creek in Lower Salford and Towamencin townships, Montgomery County. Construction on the bridge is expected to be completed in June 2018.

Due to the nature of the bridge repairs, Old Forty Foot Road will be closed and detoured between Township Line Road and Kober Road during the eight-month rehabilitation. Motorists will be detoured over Sumneytown Pike, Bustard Road and Route 73 (Skippack Pike). Local access will be maintained up to the construction zone.

Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling through the area because slowdowns will occur. The work schedule is weather dependent. PennDOT's contractor will rehabilitate the stone masonry arch bridge by reinforcing the walls and barrier; repointing masonry of the arch barrel and support abutments; and replacing guiderail.

Built in 1840 and rehabilitated in 1930, the one-span structure is 11 feet long and 31 feet wide, and has a posted weight limit of 10 tons. The structure carries an average of 5,846 vehicles a day.

The structure is one of nine bridges in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties that PennDOT is repairing under a \$7,407,987 project financed by Act 89, the state's transportation plan.

Construction began earlier this month to rehabilitate the Sugan Road bridge over Cuttalossa Creek in Solebury Township, Bucks County.

The other structures included in this nine-bridge rehabilitation project include the following:

- Route 232 (2nd Street Pike) over Branch of Mill Creek in Wrightstown Township, Bucks County;
- Hares Hill Road over French Creek in East Pikeland Township, Chester County;
- Baltimore Pike over Darby Creek in Clifton Heights and Lansdowne boroughs and Upper Darby Township, Delaware County;
- State Road/Lansdowne Avenue over Cobbs Creek in Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, and the City of Philadelphia;
- Wissahickon Avenue over Monoshone Creek in Philadelphia;
- Ridge Pike over Perkiomen Creek in Collegeville Borough and Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County; and
- Morwood Road culvert over Branch of Perkiomen Creek in Franconia Township, Montgomery County.

Work on the entire project is expected to be completed in late summer 2019. J.D. Eckman, Inc., of Atglen, Chester County, is the general contractor on the bridge improvement project, which is financed with 100 percent state funds.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by Act 89, or those on the department's Four and Twelve Year Plans, visit www.projects.penndot.gov.

A list of weekly road restrictions and PennDOT maintenance operations in the five-county Philadelphia region is available by visiting the [District 6 Traffic Bulletin](http://www.penndot.gov/District6) at www.penndot.gov/District6.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 825 traffic cameras.

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