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## PennDOT Mifflin County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of July 22

**Clearfield, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Mifflin County the week of July 22. PennDOT performs year-round maintenance in its mission to provide a safe, efficient transportation system, and the scope of work in Mifflin County for the coming week is as follows:

#### **Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning**

- Route 322 over Kishacoquillas Creek. Monday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 23. PennDOT will implement a single lane closure during daylight hours.
- Route 3014 (John Street) over the Juniata River. Monday, July 22. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 3017 (Ferguson Valley Road) near Norton Road. Tuesday, July 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 3017 (Ferguson Valley Road) over Beaverdam Run. Wednesday, July 24. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 1003 (Locke Mills Road) over Havice Creek. Thursday, July 25. Flaggers in the roadway will
  provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pennsylvania has some of the oldest bridges in the country, with an age of more than 50 years on average. Preventive maintenance is vital in extending the life of the structures. As such, PennDOT maintenance crews perform some bridge deck patching and structural repairs.

#### Pipe Replacing & Cleaning

- Route 4007 (Jacks Mountain Road). Monday, July 22. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 3007 (Wakefield Road). Tuesday, July 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 3009 (Furnace Road). Wednesday, July 24. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 103. Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pipe replacement and cleaning are essential in maintaining water flow around state roadways. Controlling water flow is one of the most important aspects of maintaining pavements. Uncontrolled water flow will damage both the pavement surface and the area under the pavement, which causes deterioration across the length of the pipe.

#### **Shoulder Maintenance**

 Route 2002 (Old Stage Road) between Belltown Road and Krick Road. Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Shoulder cutting removes excess material and debris from unpaved shoulder areas. Shoulder grading involves the shaping and stabilizing of those same areas. Both operations improve drainage, allow water to leave the roadway, and eliminate shoulder drop-offs. These are crucial highway maintenance operations because when

drainage systems do not function properly, water collects on the road, weakens pavement, accelerates the formation of potholes, and creates the potential for icing conditions in the winter months.

### **Vegetation Management**

- Route 322 near Burnham. Monday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 23. PennDOT will implement a single lane closure during daylight hours.
- Route 4013 (Ferguson Valley Road). Wednesday, July 24, though Friday, July 26. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Mowing, herbicide spraying, and selected tree thinning help maintain a safe roadway free of obstructing vegetation, improving visibility to spot signage, traffic control devices, and other motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and animals approaching the road. Additionally, a well-maintained roadside can improve drainage and prolong the life of the roadway.

#### Signing

• Various routes throughout the county Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26. This work takes place off the roadway and has minimal, if any, traffic impact.

Signs are the most prominent way PennDOT communicates roadway safety and other information to our customers. County maintenance organizations have crews responsible for installing and repairing signage along state roads and reviewing installed signs to determine if replacements are needed. Reasons for replacing a sign include age, vandalism, or damage.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, emergencies, or other unforeseen interruptions.

Customers can report road concerns by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If calling after hours, please leave a name and phone number.

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