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## **Old Forty Foot Road Bridge over Skippack Creek to Close Wednesday in Towamencin Township, Montgomery County**

*Another Old Forty Foot Road bridge to reopen tomorrow*

**King of Prussia, PA** – The bridge carrying Old Forty Foot Road over Skippack Creek in Towamencin Township, Montgomery County will close this week, while another bridge on the same state highway is scheduled to reopen, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today.

The Old Forty Foot Road bridge over Skippack Creek will be closed and detoured beginning Wednesday, April 4, after structural damage was discovered during a recent inspection. Construction is expected to begin this month to replace the three-span, steel I-beam bridge with a new two-span, pre-stressed, concrete spread box beam bridge. The new structure will be 124 feet long, 35 feet wide and will include five-foot shoulders. Construction is expected to be completed in summer 2019.

During the bridge closure, Old Forty Foot Road motorists will be directed to use Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike), Bustard Road, and Route 73 (Skippack Pike). Local access will be maintained up to the bridge. Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling through the area.

The bridge carrying Old Forty Foot Road over Skippack Creek was originally built in 1934. The current structure is 116 feet long, 22 feet wide and has a posted weight limit of 12 tons. The bridge carries an average of 5,217 vehicles a day.

H&K Group of Skippack, Montgomery County is the general contractor on the \$1,479,567 bridge improvement project which is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

Meanwhile, PennDOT will open the stone arch bridge carrying Old Forty Foot Road over a branch of Skippack Creek between Township Line Road and Kober Road in Lower Salford and Towamencin townships on Wednesday, April 4. Built in 1840 and rehabilitated in 1930, the one-span structure is 11 feet long, 31 feet wide, and carries an average of 5,846 vehicles a day.

This stone arch bridge on Old Forty Foot Road is one of nine structures in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties that PennDOT is rehabilitating under a \$7,407,987 project financed by Act 89, the state's transportation plan.

The bridges currently under construction include:

- Sugan Road over Cuttalossa Creek in Solebury Township, Bucks County; and
- Route 232 (Second Street Pike) over a branch of Mill Creek in Wrightstown Township, Bucks County.

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

- 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; and
- Ridge Pike over Perkiomen Creek in Collegeville Borough and Lower Providence 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](http://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](http://www.penndot.gov/District6).

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