



PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Planned Construction Activity Notification Form – Early Action Bridge Projects

*Northeastern Extension Total Reconstruction and Widening Project
Mid-County Interchange to Lansdale Interchange
Mileposts A20 to A30, Montgomery County*

Date: February 4, 2011

Morris Road Bridge Project Update

While the contractor pushed forward with construction in November and December 2010, using extraordinary measures to accomplish work in otherwise unsatisfactory conditions, it has become necessary to halt construction. In mid-January 2011, due to severe weather conditions work on the Turnpike's Morris Road Bridge project was temporarily suspended. At this time, the project completion date has been extended to mid-May.

In order to proceed with the project and re-open Morris Road to traffic, the contractor needs consistent temperatures above freezing (best scenario 40 degrees and above) and dry roadway conditions. Unfortunately, even if the snow melts and temperatures rise, this only leads to a period when conditions in the project area will be wet and muddy making it difficult to resume work in unpaved areas.

When the contractor resumes work he anticipates the work required to tie the new bridge to the existing roadway: placement of soil, graded aggregate, concrete curbs, guiderail, blacktop paving and pavement markings will take approximately 3-4 weeks. All other work adjacent to the bridge, seeding and grading for example, and work necessary to fulfill the permit requirements along the detour route, can be done once traffic is restored on Morris Road and the detour lifted.

Additional Comments:

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