



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 10, 2017

Construction to Begin on Locust Ridge Bridge in Tobyhanna Township
Monroe County Bridge to be replaced as part of Public-Private Partnership

Allentown, PA – Construction for the Locust Ridge Road bridge, spanning Trout Creek in Tobyhanna Township, Monroe County, is scheduled to begin as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s (PennDOT) Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. Replacement of this bridge will allow PennDOT to remove it from PennDOT’s list of structurally deficient bridges in Monroe County.

Beginning Wednesday, April 19, motorists will be restricted to a single lane between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. with flaggers assisting them through the work zone.

The bridge will be closed on Wednesday, April 19 to April 25 during the overnight hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. During this time, motorists will be directed to follow a detour along Spur Road, Route 940 and Route 115 (Buck Boulevard), Buck River Road and Old River Road.

Beginning Wednesday, April 26, the bridge will be closed to all traffic for demolition and construction of the new bridge. The same detour will be used. The new bridge is anticipated to be open to traffic in late May.

In the event of unfavorable weather or unforeseen activities, this schedule may change.

This bridge is referred to as JV-195 and is one out of 558 bridges being replaced under the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. JV references the joint-venture partnership between Walsh/Granite, which is leading construction for the entire project.

The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is a public-private partnership (P3) between PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP), under which PWKP will finance, design, replace, and maintain the bridges for 25 years. The P3 approach will allow PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impact on motorists.

To see the bridges included in the statewide initiative and to learn more about the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, visit www.parapidbridges.com. To learn more about P3 in Pennsylvania, visit www.p3forpa.pa.gov.

Media contact: Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners: Rory McGlasson, 484-408-0284.