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New Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) Alignment to Open Monday in Montgomery County

Old Sumneytown Pike to be Renamed Mainland Road

King of Prussia – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that it will move Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) traffic onto the newly constructed alignment between Old Forty Foot Road and Freed Road in Lower Salford and Towamencin townships, Montgomery County, on Monday (June 6) between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PennDOT built the new three-lane Sumneytown Pike between Old Forty Foot Road and Freed Road as part of the \$22.9 million project to construct the western half of the Sumneytown Pike/Route 309 Connector. The new roadway will have 11-foot travel lanes, a center turn lane, and five-foot to eight-foot shoulders.

Once Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) traffic is moved to the its new alignment, the old portion of Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) will be renamed Mainland Road between Old Forty Foot Road and Store Road in Lower Salford Township. Mainland Road will be turned over to the township as a locally-owned road following its reconstruction.

On Monday (June 6), Mainland Road will be closed between Old Forty Foot Road and Wambold Road and between Freed Road and Store Road for road reconstruction. Mainland Road through traffic will be detoured over the Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike). Local access to Mainland Road will be maintained.

This work is part of the first of two contracts to build the five-mile long Sumneytown Pike/Route 309 Connector. Initially, PennDOT built the new alignment for Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) along with rebuilding Wambold Road from Sumneytown Pike to Allentown Road.

Wambold Road remains closed between Industrial Boulevard and Cassel Road in Lower Salford and Towamencin townships for roadway reconstruction and bridge replacement. Wambold Road closed November 29, 2010 and is expected to reopen in October. Southbound Wambold Road motorists are currently being detoured over Allentown Road and Old Forty Foot Road. Northbound Wambold Road traffic is being detoured over Sumneytown Pike and Old Forty Foot Road.

Allan A. Myers, LP of Worcester, Pa. is the general contractor for the construction of the western half of the Sumneytown Pike/Route 309 Connector. The \$22,941,595 project is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds. Construction is scheduled to finish in late 2012.

PennDOT expects construction to start in 2016 to build the eastern half of the Connector between Allentown Road and Route 309.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.

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