

## PennDOT Connects Teams Meeting Minutes – SR 1001-HBP

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Prior to the PennDOT Connects call, Kristin Caparra, PennDOT PM provided the following items via email to all attendees on November 22, 2021:

- DVRPC Project Information Form
- Project Description
- Proposed Detour (TCP)
- Conceptual Structure Plan
- Utility Plan

### Project Overview

After an introduction of the attendees, Kristin Caparra, PennDOT PM provided an overall schedule for Group P which includes 9 structures to be let in late May 2022. She indicated the contractor would construct the structures over a period of 36-39 months. The municipality will be notified 4 weeks prior to the start of construction as per traffic control plan special provision.

Jian Jin (J.J.), PM of the design team provided an overview of the SR 1001-HBP (Allentown Road) bridge replacement project and design criteria. The following topics were discussed:

### Traffic Detour

- The bridge replacement will be under a full detour for approximately 6 months. WSP presented the detour plan (TCP).
- Hatfield Township advised the detour plan should be coordinated with Towamencin and Lower Salford Townships where some designated detour routes are located.
- There is heavy truck traffic along the detour routes due to multiple distribution centers in the area. Hatfield Township noted that trucks are currently restricted on Fretz and Derstine Roads. Signs should be placed prohibiting trucks from turning from Forty Foot Road (SR 0063) onto Allentown Road well ahead of closure point. Since trucks cannot turn around once they are on Allentown Road north of SR 0063.

- When asking if a separate truck detour route should be implemented, WSP was advised that separate truck detouring would not be necessary, but additional signage would be installed to prevent trucks from entering Allentown Road.

#### Development in the Vicinity of this Project

- Hatfield Township noted that new distribution centers are being built with more being planned.
- Construction of a PennDOT project to extend Wambold Road east of Allentown Road will start soon. The Project, SR 1058, Section HT2 (ECMS 77211) will last approximately four years.
- HT2 will reconfigure the intersection of Allentown and Wambold Roads but there will be no changes on Allentown Road beyond the intersection.
- A special provision will be added to the construction contract pertaining to this structure and coordination with ECMS 77211.

#### Pedestrian Access Across SR 1001-HBP

- Montgomery County Planning noted Allentown Road is on the county bike network. Wambold Road extension HT2 will have multi-use trail(s) along the new road. Grist Mill Park is located at the southeast quadrant of the Allentown Road and Forty Foot Road intersection.
- WSP mentioned that the typical section for this project has 11' lanes and 2' shoulders per preliminary design. The County Planning would like to see a wider shoulder on the bridge and approach roadway for future expansion of pedestrian and bike connectivity. A 6' shoulder is desirable. WSP will evaluate the design in concert with right-of-way options for potential wider shoulder.
- *\*After the meeting, it was confirmed that the preliminary design calls for 11' lane and 4' shoulder. When adjacent trails are developed, restriping can occur on the structure for desired shoulder width. (6' as mentioned above)*

Kristin Caparra closed the PennDOT Connects meeting thanking the participants for their insights and noting if there are any further questions or concerns to reach out to her.