



Winter 2010

Traffic congestion is an important concern in our region, and I am working with PennDOT and SEPTA to address transportation issues. Over 200,000 workers commute to Montgomery County each day, contributing to our backed-up roadways. With many people relocating to the Philadelphia region each year, we are continuously planning to meet future transportation demands.

Many projects are underway throughout the 12th District and the Philadelphia region to ensure safe, reliable transportation infrastructure. In this

update, I have included the latest construction information that could affect your daily commute. Also included is an update on the new U.S. 202 Parkway between Montgomery Township and Doylestown.

For up-to-date information on all roadway projects, visit PennDOT's District 6 website, www.dot.state.pa.us/PennDOT/Districts/district6.nsf or call my district office at 1-800-924-3300. My office can also provide constituents with driver's license and vehicle registration information, handicapped placard applications, and other transportation-related services.



Senior Citizen Shared Ride Program

The **Shared Ride Program** is a reduced fare transportation program. Rides are provided in sedans or vans operated by local transportation companies. Reduced fares are available to riders who are willing to share their trip with other passengers.

Persons 65 years of age and older are entitled to receive these trips and pay only 15 percent of the reduced fares.

State Lottery funds provide 85 percent of the reduced fare for seniors 65 years of age and older.

Information and application forms for the **Shared Ride**

Program may be obtained by calling **TransNet** at 215-542-7433 (Montgomery County residents) and **Bucks County Transport, Inc.** at 1-888-795-0740 (Bucks County residents) or on the web at www.bctransport.org. Visit TransNet on the web at www.suburbantransit.org

ROAD INFORMATION

ENGINEERING DISTRICT 6: 610-205-6700

MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 6-1 (BUCKS): 215-345-6060

MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 6-4 (MONTGOMERY): 610-275-2368

DISTRICT 6 TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER: 610-205-6934

TURNPIKE ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS: 1-866-976-8747

PA INTERSTATE HIGHWAY CONDITIONS: 1-888-783-6783

ROAD MAINTENANCE HOTLINE: 1-800-FIX-ROAD

Construction in the 12th District

KNAPP ROAD (MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP) – Widening between Witchwood Drive and U.S. 202. Reduced to one lane in each direction. Completion set for December 2010.

PA 309 SOUTH (LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP) – Reconstruction of the expressway. Possible lane closures between Highland Ave. and PA 63. Completion set for August 2010.

PA 309 SOUTH (LOWER GWYNEDD & UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIPS) – Bridge and road construction. Reduced to one lane between expressway on-ramp and Norristown Rd. interchange. Completion set for July 2010.

COUNTY LINE ROAD (WARMINSTER & UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIPS) – Signal installation. Lane restrictions at Shoemaker Rd. Completion set for March 2010.

COUNTY LINE ROAD (WARMINSTER & UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIPS) – Signal installation. Lane restrictions at PA 332. Completion set for March 2010.

Regional Projects

I-476/BLUE ROUTE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PennDOT is in the process of completing I-476 improvements in Montgomery and Delaware Counties. In 2010, motorists on I-476 will encounter construction on both the Schuylkill River Bridges and on the adjacent segments of the I-476 Expressway.

Visit www.476blueroute.com for the latest news and travel updates on I-476.

The SEPTA Clean Fuel Bus Program

SEPTA operates 460 hybrid-electric busses in the region – one of the largest fleets in the nation.

THE HYBRID BUSES RESULT IN:

- 14 percent improved fuel consumption
- 56 percent decrease in nitrogen oxide, an ozone precursor
- 96 percent decrease in particulate matter

SEPTA Smart Card

SEPTA is in the process of making its fare collection more customer-friendly with a “smart card” payment system to be used on all subways, busses, trolleys and regional rail lines. This will be an open system, accepting a variety of payment options including credit / debit cards, and any devices or fare cards containing smart chip technology such



Senator Greenleaf, a member of the SEPTA board, spoke during a recent ground breaking ceremony for renovations to the North Wales SEPTA station.

as EZ Pass, the PATCO Freedom card, and some cell phones. Customers will still have the option to use cash. SEPTA is currently reviewing bids and is expected to award a contract by April, 2010. It is estimated that the system will be operational by 2011. Estimated cost is \$100 million. Visit www.SEPTA.org to plan a trip.

Mass Transit Protects the Environment

- A bus with just seven passengers is more fuel-efficient; a full bus is six times more efficient; a full train is 15 times more efficient as compared to the average car.
- If 1 in 10 Americans used public transportation regularly, U.S. reliance on foreign oil could be cut by more than 40 percent.
- Public transit produces 95 percent less carbon monoxide per passenger mile than private vehicles.

I-95 REVITALIZATION

PennDOT is in the midst of a long-term project to improve and rebuild I-95 in Philadelphia.

New interchanges and adjoining sections of interstate, at Cottman Avenue (I-95/CPR) and Girard Avenue (I-95/GIR) are currently being planned.

Visit www.95revive.com for the latest I-95 project information and breaking news.

New 202 Parkway

The 8.6 mile **U.S. Route 202 Parkway** is under construction between Route 63 (Welsh Road) in Montgomery Township and Route 611 in Doylestown Township to provide traffic relief for motorists on the existing Route 202 and nearby roads.

Construction of the parkway's southern section between Welsh Road and Horsham Road in Montgomery County began in spring 2009 and is expected to be completed later this year.

Construction beginning in January 2010 is mainly in Bucks County on the central section of the parkway, starting at County Line Road.

The \$200 million project is on schedule and is expected to open in late 2011.

For complete details on parkway construction, visit www.us202-700.com

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