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Orrs Bridge to Close for Construction Beginning Monday, Aug. 10

The third phase of construction will close the bridge for approximately six weeks.

Carlisle, PA – Orrs Bridge, over the Conodoguinet Creek in Hampden Township, Cumberland County will be closed for the third phase of construction beginning Monday, Aug. 10 and will remain closed for approximately six weeks. The construction project which began in April 2019 is the largest project on Cumberland County's list of bridge capital improvement projects.

Traffic is currently using the original bridge while the new bridge is being constructed. However, to complete the project, the original bridge must be closed so that the roadway approaches can be constructed to connect traffic to the new bridge. Orrs Bridge provides a critical north - south link that connects dense residential neighborhoods with employment and services on the Carlisle Pike and Wertzville Road.

"Orrs Bridge carries nearly 10,000 vehicles per day, the highest traffic count of all 28 county-owned bridges," said Kirk Stoner, Cumberland County Planning Director. "We know this will be an inconvenience for our residents, but for a short time, however; it is vital part of the construction project that will benefit the Hampden Township and everyone who travels the bridge for years to come."

During this phase of the construction, a detour will be utilized while the roadway approaches to the bridge on both the north and south sides are completed. This six week detour will follow Creekview Road, Good Hope Road, and the Carlisle Pike. This detour length is approximately 3.8 miles.

The new bridge is being constructed on a curve downstream from the existing bridge with two full-width 12-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders, and approximately a 7-foot sidewalk for pedestrian traffic. The stone dome for the spring at the south side of the bridge and the rock dam across Conodoguinet Creek will not be impacted; however, access to the spring will be prohibited during construction. The old bridge will be removed once the new bridge is completed.

The total allocation for the project is more than \$7.9 million, 80% funded by the federal government, 15% from state government and 5% from the county.

Deblin Construction of Mechanicsburg is the construction contractor, and Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Engineering and Related Services is the county's bridge engineer and designer of this project.

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