

Moving Forward – A New Route 202

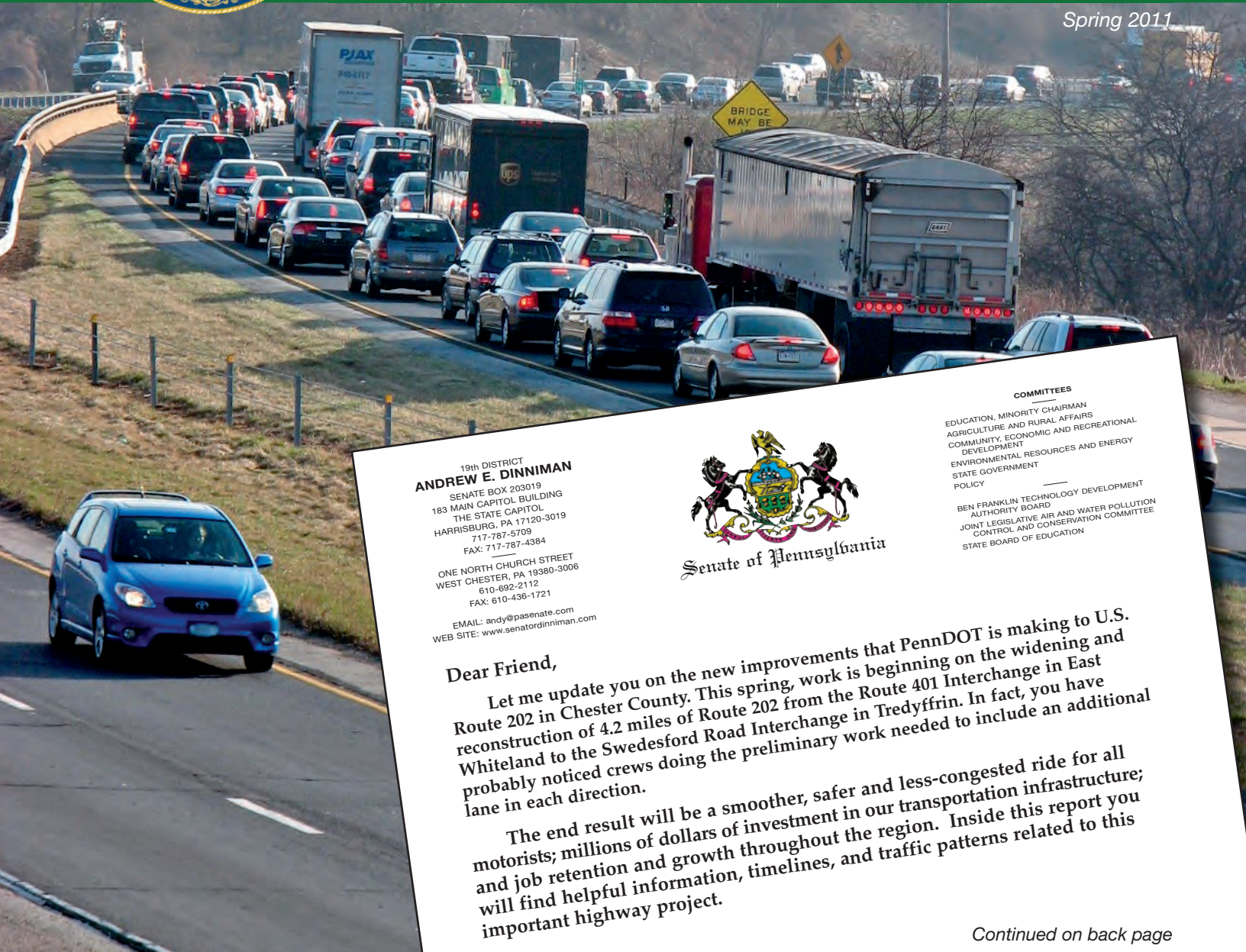
A Special Report for Residents of the 202 Corridor



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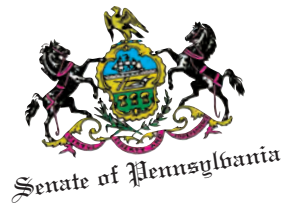
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Dear Friend,

Let me update you on the new improvements that PennDOT is making to U.S. Route 202 in Chester County. This spring, work is beginning on the widening and reconstruction of 4.2 miles of Route 202 from the Route 401 Interchange in East Whiteland to the Swedesford Road Interchange in Tredyffrin. In fact, you have probably noticed crews doing the preliminary work needed to include an additional lane in each direction.

The end result will be a smoother, safer and less-congested ride for all motorists; millions of dollars of investment in our transportation infrastructure; and job retention and growth throughout the region. Inside this report you will find helpful information, timelines, and traffic patterns related to this important highway project.

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Route 202 Reconstruction

Phase I:

MAY THROUGH JUNE 2011

- The outside southbound shoulder will be rebuilt for later use as a travel lane during Phases 2 and 3 of the project.
- There will be limited work in the northbound lanes.

Impacts:

- Two lanes open each way during peak travel times.
- Overnight lane closures and occasional off-peak and weekend lane restrictions each way.
- On- and off-ramps remain open.

BELOW: Crews pour concrete for the deck of the Swedesford Road bridge over Route 202. The bridge, along with five others over Route 202, was lengthened in preparation for the widening of the highway.



Phase II:

JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER 2011

- Two lanes of southbound traffic will be shifted right and a construction barrier will be placed in the center of southbound Route 202. Behind the barrier, workers will rebuild and pave the median for later use as a northbound travel lane during Phase 3.
- Crossover lanes will be built at both ends of the work zone. Limited construction is possible on the northbound side during crossover work.

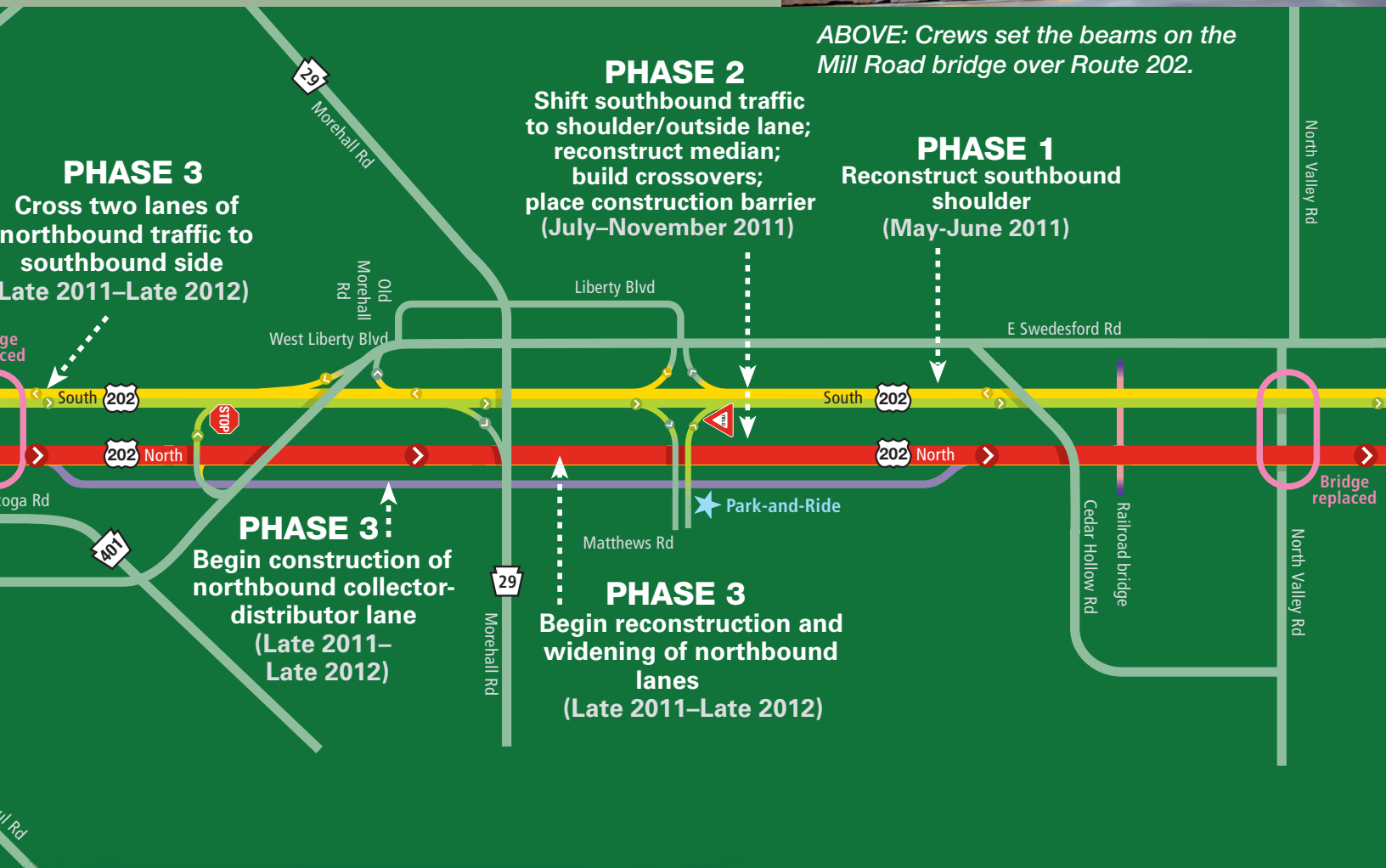
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ABOVE: Crews set the beams on the Mill Road bridge over Route 202.



PHASE 3
Cross two lanes of northbound traffic to southbound side (Late 2011–Late 2012)

PHASE 2
Shift southbound traffic to shoulder/outside lane; reconstruct median; build crossovers; place construction barrier (July–November 2011)

PHASE 1
Reconstruct southbound shoulder (May–June 2011)

PHASE 3
Begin construction of northbound collector-distributor lane (Late 2011–Late 2012)

PHASE 3
Begin reconstruction and widening of northbound lanes (Late 2011–Late 2012)

Phase III:

LATE 2011 THROUGH LATE 2012

- Two lanes of northbound Route 202 will be shifted to the southbound side. Southbound traffic will remain in the Phase 2 pattern. With traffic removed from the northbound lanes, crews will replace existing pavement, excavate the median area for the construction of a new lane, excavate the right shoulder for the construction of a collector-distributor lane, install drainage, erect sound barriers and rebuild ramps at the PA 29/Swedesford Road Interchange.

Impacts:

- Two lanes open each way during peak travel time.
- Occasional off-peak, overnight and weekend lane restrictions each way.
- Occasional weekend ramp detours.
- North Valley Road narrowed at the Route 202 overpass.

THIS CURRENT WIDENING work is part of a larger, \$180 million project that will result in the reconstruction and widening of Route 202 all the way south to the Route 30/Exton Bypass Interchange. Work was recently completed on replacing six bridges and improving several intersections along the corridor. The new, longer bridges provide room for widening the highway.

THE FINAL PHASE of the project, widening Route 202 from Mill Lane to the Route 30/Exton Bypass Interchange will begin in 2013 and finish in 2015.



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The improvement and widening of Route 202 is as important to our regional and state economy as it is to the tens of thousands of commuters that rely on it each day. The new Route 202 will provide a major boost to the many high-tech corporations and companies, including some of Chester County's largest employers, that call the Route 202 corridor home. That is why I will continue to do everything in my power to expedite and move forward every stage of this project. In addition, I encourage you to visit www.US202-300.com for information on day-to-day construction, progress reports and travel advisories that can help you avoid potential delays.

Also, let me update you on two other important transportation projects, each relating to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Recently, I joined turnpike officials and local business leaders in kicking off construction of the Route 29 slip ramp, a new All-Electronic Interchange linking Route 29 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The slip ramp, which will negate the need for motorists to use Route 202 and other local roads to get between Route 29 and the Turnpike, is scheduled to be completed and operational by late 2012. And in 2013, the Turnpike Commission plans to begin work on widening the six miles of the Turnpike from the King of Prussia exit to the new Route 29 slip ramp.

These infrastructure improvements are crucial to retaining businesses and attracting jobs in a challenging economy. All together, PennDOT's Route 202 Widening Project, the Route 29 slip ramp and the Turnpike widening represent an investment of \$500 million in our local road system, which in turn is expected to spur at least an additional \$1.5 billion in commercial development and the creation of more than 10,000 full-time jobs.

We also understand the need to develop an improved public transportation system in the Route 202 corridor. Our objective is to link a strong regional economy with a transportation system that is safe and efficient. The upcoming improvements to Route 202 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike will help us meet these goals.

Sincerely,

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