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# PennDOT Potter County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of May 20

**Clearfield, PA –** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Potter County the week of May 20. PennDOT performs year-round maintenance in its mission to provide a safe, efficient transportation system, and the scope of work in Potter County for the coming week is as follows:

### **Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning**

- Route 6, various bridges in the Galeton area. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 144, various bridges in the Galeton area. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2002, various bridges in the Galeton area. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pennsylvania has some of the oldest bridges in the country, with an age of more than 50 years on average. Preventive maintenance is vital in extending the life of the structures. As such, PennDOT maintenance crews perform some bridge deck patching and structural repairs.

### **Manual Patching**

- Route 244 from Coudersport Park to the New York State line. Monday, May 20, through Friday, May 24. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 4021 (Honeoye Road) from Route 44 in Shinglehouse to the New York State line. Monday, May 20, through Friday, May 24. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Most permanent pothole patching is completed in the spring/summer when temperatures stay consistently above freezing. If maintenance crews were not repairing potholes, the road surface would break up further and require more expensive corrective measures.

### Pipe Replacing & Cleaning

 Route 1005 (Theresia Street) between Brussells Street and Monroe Road. Tuesday, May 21, through Friday, May 24. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pipe replacement and cleaning are essential in maintaining water flow around state roadways. Controlling water flow is one of the most important aspects of maintaining pavements. Uncontrolled water flow will damage both the pavement surface and the area under the pavement, which causes deterioration across the length of the pipe.

## Shoulder Maintenance

- Route 49 from Harrison Valley Road in Harrison Township to the Tioga County line near Dibble Hollow Road. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 1010 (Commercial Street/Genesee Mills Road/Academy Street) from the intersection of Genesee Street to the intersection of Route 49 in Bingham and Harrison townships. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 1011 (West Bingham Road/ Hickox/Ulysses Road) from the intersection of Genesee Mills Road in Genesee Township, through Bingham Township to North Street in Ulysses. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 1012 (Jackson Road) from the intersection Hickox/Ulysses Road to the intersection of Harrison Valley Road in Bingham Township. Monday, May 20, through Thursday, May 23. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Shoulder cutting removes excess material and debris from unpaved shoulder areas. Shoulder grading involves the shaping and stabilizing of those same areas. Both operations improve drainage, allow water to leave the roadway, and eliminate shoulder drop-offs. These are crucial highway maintenance operations because when drainage systems do not function properly, water collects on the road, weakens pavement, accelerates the formation of potholes, and creates the potential for icing conditions in the winter months.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, emergencies, or other unforeseen interruptions.

Customers can report road concerns by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If calling after hours, please leave a name and phone number.

For more information on PennDOT's maintenance activities, visit <u>www.PennDOT.pa.gov/about-us/maintenanceactivities</u>.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting <u>www.511PA.com</u>. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras.

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