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# PennDOT Centre County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of October 16

**Clearfield, PA –** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Centre County the week of October 16. PennDOT performs year-round maintenance in its mission to provide a safe, efficient transportation system, and the scope of work in Centre County for the coming week is as follows:

### Crack Seal & Hot Pour Mastic

- Route 2004 (Linden Hall Road) in College and Harris township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 2006 (Linden Hall Road) in Harris Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Crack sealing and hot pour mastic operations prevent water intrusion from seeping through cracks or joints in an asphalt road, which can lead to potholes and pavement breakup. They are proactive preventive maintenance strategies to prevent water from entering the roadways and accelerating the formation of potholes and other failures.

### Guide rail

• Interstate 99 between Port Matilda and Shiloh Road. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. PennDOT will implement short-term lane closures while completing this work.

Guide rail systems reduce the severity of a crash by preventing a vehicle from reaching a more hazardous fixed object or terrain feature. They must remain in good working condition to contain and redirect impacting vehicles.

### **Manual Patching**

- Interstate 99 in Huston and Worth Townships. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. PennDOT will implement short-term lane closures while completing this work.
- Route 1002 (Marsh Creek Road) in Howard Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 13. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 1016 (Orviston Road) in Curtin and Liberty townships. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

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 26 in Spring Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 144 in Bellefonte Borough and Spring Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 144 in Boggs Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 879 in Burnside Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 4002 in Snow Shoe Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

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.

## Side Dozing

- Route 26 in Ferguson Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 45 in Ferguson Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

Side dozing removes excess material from beneath guide rail areas, which improves drainage and allows water to sheet flow off the roadway. Side dozing is a crucial highway maintenance operation 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.

# Signing

• Various routes throughout the county. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. This work takes place off the roadway and has minimal, if any, traffic impact.

Signs are the most prominent way PennDOT communicates roadway safety and other information to our customers. County maintenance organizations have crews responsible for installing and repairing signage along state roads and reviewing installed signs to determine if replacements are needed. Reasons for replacing a sign include age, vandalism, or damage.

### **Vegetation Management**

• Various routes throughout the county. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. This work takes place off the roadway and has minimal, if any, traffic impact.

Mowing, herbicide spraying, and selected tree thinning help maintain a safe roadway free of obstructing vegetation, improving visibility to spot signage, traffic control devices, and other motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and animals approaching the road. Additionally, a well-maintained roadside can improve drainage and prolong the life of the roadway.

PennDOT urges motorists to exercise caution in these and all work zones to ensure their safety and the safety of county maintenance staff.

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.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by <u>following local alerts on X.</u>

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