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# PennDOT Juniata 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 Juniata 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 Juniata County for the coming week is as follows:

### **Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning**

• Various routes throughout the county. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. 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.

### **Crack Seal & Hot Pour Mastic**

- Route 2016 (Church Street) in Monroe Township. Monday, October 16, through Wednesday, October 18. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 2017 (Dimmsville Road/Evendale Hill Road/Middle Road) in Greenwood and Monroe townships. Wednesday, October 18, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

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.

### Side Dozing

- Route 2023 in Susquehanna Township. Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 2024 (Oriental Road) in Susquehanna Township. 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.

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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