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## **PennDOT Potter County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of September 18**

**Clearfield, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Potter County the week of September 18. 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:

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

- Route 49 in Bingham and Harrison Townships. Monday, September 18, through Friday, September 22. 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.

### **Manual Patching**

- Route 1001 (Brooklyn Road) in Sweden Township. Monday, September 18, through Friday, September 22. 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 1010 (Genesee/Mills Road) in Bingham Township. Monday, September 18. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 4027 (Ore Bed Run Road) in Oswayo Township. Tuesday, September 19, and Wednesday, September 20. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 49 in Bingham and Harrison Townships. Monday, September 18, through Friday, September 22. 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 144 in Stewardson Township. Monday, September 18, through Friday, September 22. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.
- Route 872 in Austin Borough. Thursday, September 21, and Friday September 22. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control.

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.

### Signing:

- Various routes throughout the county. Monday, September 18, through Friday, September 22. 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 [www.PennDOT.pa.gov/about-us/maintenanceactivities](http://www.PennDOT.pa.gov/about-us/maintenanceactivities).

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