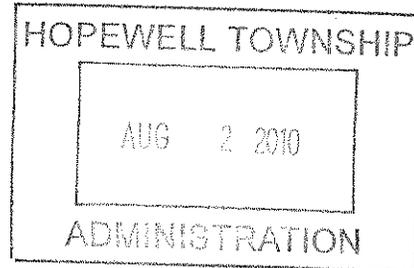


Delaware River  
Joint Toll Bridge  
Commission

"Preserving Our Past, Enhancing Our Future"

July 28, 2010

Mr. Paul Pogorzelski  
Hopewell Township  
201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Rd  
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**RE: Washington Crossing Toll-Supported Bridge - Near Term Improvements Construction Schedule**

Dear Administrator/Engineer Pogorzelski:

Construction activities for the multi-faceted Washington Crossing Toll-Supported Bridge Near-Term Improvement Project are about to get underway and the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission wants to make sure you are aware of this work and its anticipated travel-related impacts.

In recent days, you may have seen surveyors and construction-firm representatives taking measurements on the bridge and its approach roadways. This activity should have no impact on traffic.

**The major traffic impacts arising from this project will begin with the full onset of construction activities on August 9. On this date, the bridge will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for a construction period anticipated to last no longer than 46 days.**

Detours will be in effect while the bridge is out of service. A signed detour route will direct traffic across the nearby Scudder Falls Bridge. The full detour route is 6.7 miles.

This project is being undertaken primarily to conduct needed repairs to the bridge abutments and wing walls on both sides of the river. During the closure, the Commission also intends to conduct improvements or repairs to approach roadways, perform lighting maintenance, improve the safety of the pedestrian walkway and railing, make aesthetic surface improvements to one of the bridge piers and repair scour protection measures at the pier bases.

In response to issues with the bridge structure that were identified as part of the Commission's regular inspection process, a draft concept study on how repairs might be accomplished was completed in the spring of 2009. The Commission then kicked off a public involvement process to gather comment about the proposed project and how the repairs and related construction activities should be staged and scheduled. This public outreach effort included direct meetings with stakeholders (elected officials, business

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owners, etc.), project updates on the Commission's Web site, and public open houses in Hopewell Township, N.J. and Upper Makefield, PA.

Based partly on the public's input, the Commission announced in March 2010 its plans to schedule and stage construction activities at the bridge and corresponding traffic detours. The Commission will utilize the shortest detour-period possible - 46 days - to conduct the project, with the eventual bid-winning contractor expected to perform the work using two-shifts of construction crews working six days a week with no work allowed to take place on Sundays. This approach will minimize the length of traffic and economic impacts the project work might cause.

With the imminent approach of construction, the Commission plans to heighten public awareness of the project's construction activities and impacts. This includes press announcements, advance signage at the bridge site and timely updates to the project webpage, which may be viewed in the Commission Projects section at [www.drjtbc.org](http://www.drjtbc.org).

The bridge rehabilitation work is vital to extending the structure's useful life and to preventing protracted emergency shutdowns that would pose exponential negative consequences for surrounding communities, local residents, motorists and area businesses.

As with all of its capital projects, the Commission remains committed to maintaining channels of communication with residents, business owners, motorists, and elected officials. Should you have questions or need additional information about the Commission's plans or any other aspect of the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 267-790-1063 or via e-mail at [rmcclellan@drjtbc.org](mailto:rmcclellan@drjtbc.org). The Commission looks forward to continuing to work together with you on this project of critical importance to your community and the motoring public.

Sincerely,



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