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PennDOT Issues Atherton Street Project Update for Week of April 8 *No lane restrictions in place for Penn State Blue White Weekend*

State College, PA -- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is issuing an update for its North Atherton Street (Route 3014) project in State College for the week of April 8.

Work is expected to carry through 2019, with **phased** work zones stretching from Aaron Drive to Park Avenue. Work includes relocation of numerous utility lines, relocation of sewer and water lines, drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalks, ADA ramps, traffic signal upgrades, new concrete median, and paving.

The project page for this work can be found at www.penndot.gov/AthertonStreet.

Motorists **can expect** the following **April 8 through 14**:

- **West Aaron Drive to Park Avenue—entire length of project:**
 - ❖ **There will be no lane restrictions in place between Friday, April 12 and Sunday, April 14 due to Penn State Blue White weekend.**
 - ❖ A speed minder remains in place between Cherry Lane and Hillcrest Avenue heading toward the University. It displays motorists' speed, reminding them to obey the posted speed limit of 25 MPH.
 - ❖ Motorists are reminded the speed limit remains reduced to 25 MPH from Aaron Drive to the State College Borough line near Mitchell Avenue. This speed reduction will be in place until project completion in October of 2019. The speed limit from Mitchell Avenue to Park Avenue within State College Borough is already permanently posted at 25 MPH.
 - ❖ **Motorists are also reminded not to block signalized intersections while the signal is red.** This prevents traffic from side streets from crossing the roadway. **It is also a violation of the vehicle code enforceable by fine.**
 - ❖ **Pedestrian safety is important.** Currently pedestrians can cross Atherton Street using the intersections at **Aaron Drive, Hillcrest Avenue, Park Avenue, and Blue Course Drive. Crossing at other locations is not recommended.**
 - ❖ Drivers are reminded to "share the road" and be alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and buses as they move through this work zone.
- **West Aaron Drive to Blue Course Drive:**
 - ❖ No work anticipated.

- **Blue Course Drive to Cherry Lane:**
 - ❖ **The contractor will be installing drainage, curbing and sidewalk on the right side of Atherton Street heading toward the University. Traffic will be restricted to at least one lane heading toward the University and one lane leaving the University.**

- **Cherry Lane to Woodland Drive:**
 - ❖ **The contractor will be installing curbing and sidewalk on the right side of Atherton Street heading toward the University. Traffic will be restricted to at least one lane heading toward the University and one lane leaving the University.**

- **Hillcrest to Ridge Avenue RT:**
 - ❖ **The contractor will have two crews installing drainage on the right side of Atherton Street traveling toward the University. Traffic control will consist of daylight lane closures limiting traffic to at least one lane heading toward the University and one lane leaving the University. Arbor Way and Ridge Avenue will be closed intermittently throughout the week, but Hillcrest Avenue will remain open.**

- **Cherry Lane to Park Avenue LT:**
 - ❖ **Verizon will continue to perform fiber optic splicing on the left side of Atherton Street heading toward the University, **requiring a far, left lane closure. This work will take place during the daytime and nighttime hours throughout the week.****

Flaggers may be present in the roadway directing traffic and traffic may be stopped for short periods of time. **Please be patient and courteous to other drivers.** Do not follow construction equipment into a closed lane.

Motorists are asked to use both lanes to the merge points throughout the work zone. This will minimize traffic backlogs and travel delays in the work zone.

Property owners are encouraged to approach workers on the project if they need assistance entering or exiting their properties. The contractor is aware of the necessity to move equipment and/or plate over excavations quickly and safely to allow for access.

All work is weather and schedule dependent. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College is the contractor on this \$12.8 million job. **Drivers are reminded to move through work zones with caution, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.**

PennDOT reminds drivers that they can subscribe to PennDOT news in Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, and Potter counties at www.penndot.gov/District2.

PennDOT encourages drivers to “Know before they go” and to check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA is free, available 24 hours a day,

and provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 860 traffic cameras.

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