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Part of Painters Run Road Reopens; Another Part Unexpectedly Closes

PITTSBURGH – The Department of Public Works announced today that part of the 1800 block of Painters Run Road in Scott Township and Upper St. Clair has reopened to traffic. The closure, which began on July 20, 2020 as part of an ongoing project, was required for preservation of Painters Run Bridge No. 9. That work included repairs to the bridge deck, installation of guide rail, and paving.

Another part of Painters Run Road – just west of its intersection with McMillan Road in Upper St. Clair – was unexpectedly closed today. While completing drainage work there, crews encountered an unmarked underground mine void that might affect the road’s stability. As a result, Public Works will keep that section of road closed until it can ensure that it is safe for drivers.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation are being brought in to evaluate the mine void and potential remediation options. At this time, there is no timetable for when the road will reopen. When one has been established, that information will be provided to the public via a press release, Facebook, Twitter, and Allegheny Alerts.

Traffic will be detoured using Bower Hill Road, Kelso Road and Rob Hollow Road.

As previously announced, paving work will begin on July 31, 2020 on other sections of Painters Run Road between Bower Hill Road in Scott Township and Cedar Boulevard in Mt. Lebanon. The majority of that work, which is expected to last at least two weeks, will occur overnight – between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday-Saturday. The department worked with the affected municipalities for a waiver of their noise ordinances and is notifying property owners who might be impacted by the night work.

While paving work is taking place, drivers can expect to experience short stoppages in work zones. Flaggers will be used to control traffic, and drivers are urged to use caution in the area.

After the paving work is complete, crews will return to working between daylight hours only – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – until the project ends. The project was expected to end in August, but the mine void could alter that schedule.

The project is being done by Northeast Paving, a division of Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC, of Pittsburgh, as part of the $10.7 million 2019 Capital Roads contract.

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