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PENNDOT BEGINS STIMULUS PROJECT TO PAINT SIX BRIDGES IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

ALLENTOWN – PennDOT Engineering District 5 today announced a transportation stimulus project to paint six state bridges in Northampton County will begin tomorrow. This project is being financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The first of six bridges in Northampton County to be painted is the Shimersville Road Bridge over Saucon Creek in Bethlehem Township. This work will begin tomorrow, and PennDOT reminds motorists to be alert for traffic restrictions on Shimersville Road over the next month as crews clean and paint the Bridge. Work will occur seven days a week during daylight hours.

Vimas Painting Company, Inc. of Campbell, OH is the general contractor on the \$1,635,000 project to paint the six bridges. As schedules become available, PennDOT will provide updates when work to paint the other bridges will begin. PennDOT expects the bridge painting associated with this contract to be complete by the end of October.

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Bridge painting is a critical preservation step that helps extend the life of structures.

Within the six-county District 5 region (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill counties), PennDOT will invest \$122 million of federal economic recovery funds on 23 transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements and Intelligent Transportation System installations.

To learn more about how the federal economic stimulus will benefit Pennsylvania, visit www.recovery.pa.gov.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a list of the bridges in Northampton County that will be painted under this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract.

Northampton County

US 22: Painting of two bridges over PA 191/Monocacy Creek and Norfolk Southern Railroad in Bethlehem Township.

Creek Road: Painting of bridge over Martins Creek in Upper Mt. Bethel Township.

Raubsville Road: Painting of the bridge over East Branch of Saucon Creek in Lower Saucon Township.

Shimersville Road: Painting of the bridge over Saucon Creek in Bethlehem Township.

Center Street/PA 512: Painting of the bridge over Monocacy Creek in the City of Bethlehem & Hanover Township.

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