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PennDOT to Replace Market Street Span in Schaefferstown
Market Street bridge to be removed and replaced with a precast box culvert.

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that on Monday, April 8, weather permitting, its contractor will close the bridge that carries Market Street over the East Branch of Hammer Creek in the Village of Schaefferstown as crews begin demolition of the existing span in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County. This work marks the start of a project to remove and replace the existing bridge and replace it with a precast concrete box culvert.

PennDOT advises motorists that initially they may encounter periodic daylight short-term single-lane restrictions with flaggers alternating traffic through the work zone as crews conduct preparatory work prior to demolition and removal of the existing bridge. Starting Monday, April 8, Market Street will be closed to through traffic through August 9 while the existing bridge is removed, and a precast concrete box culvert is set into place. Until then, a detour which follows Route 897, Weidman Road is available for motorists.

PennDOT awarded the \$966,728 contract to Kinsley Construction, Inc. of the City of York, York County. Work includes removing the existing 87-year-old single-span prestressed concrete T-beam structure and replacing it with a prestressed concrete box culvert with cast-in-place concrete wingwalls, installation of a distribution slab, drainage work, and new guiderail, signs and pavement markings.

Market Street averages more than 1,000 vehicles traveled daily. Even though Market Street is a township road the bridge over the East Branch of Hammer Creek is state owned.

Milling and paving work will be conducted after the road is reopened to traffic under short-term single-lane alternating traffic patterns. Work under this construction contract is scheduled to be completed in August.

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Editor's Note: Please refer to the accompanying project location map.

