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PennDOT Completes Expansion of 6.5 Miles of U.S. 202 in Chester County to Improve Travel and Reduce Congestion

East Whiteland Township, PA – PennDOT Secretary of Transportation Leslie S. Richards this afternoon joined federal, state and local officials in a ceremonial ribbon cutting to highlight the widening and opening of 6.5 miles of U.S. 202 to six lanes between the Route 252 (Swedesford Road) and U.S. 30 interchanges in Tredyffrin and East Whiteland townships, Chester County.

“We are thrilled to deliver this new six-lane expressway to the more than 70,000 motorists who drive along this part of U.S. 202 each day,” Richards said. “Drivers have quickly experienced the benefits of this newly expanded highway since its full opening last week.

“The transportation value of this improvement project to Chester County and the Philadelphia region cannot be overstated,” Richards added. “This investment of nearly \$300 million transformed an old, outdated highway into a modern expressway capable of moving commuter and commercial traffic smoothly and safely along this heavily traveled corridor.”

PennDOT executed five construction contracts – three financed with 100 percent federal funds and two funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent state - to rebuild and widen U.S. 202 from four lanes to six lanes from just south of the Route 252 (Swedesford Road) Interchange to the U.S. 30 Interchange, and to replace six overhead bridges and install Intelligent Transportation System components along the corridor.

PennDOT’s first mainline construction contract, worth \$106 million, began in April 2011 to widen four miles of U.S. 202 between Route 252 (Swedesford Road) and Route 401. This northern section of the corridor opened to six lanes in late September 2014. Richard E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. of Woodstown, N.J. was the general contractor.

The second mainline widening contract started construction in April 2013. PennDOT opened the remaining 2.5 miles of U.S. 202 to six lanes between Route 401 and U.S. 30 on August 3, 2016. Allan A. Myers, LP of Worcester, Montgomery County, was the general contractor on the \$67 million contract.

Road crews will continue to work and close lanes at night periodically on U.S. 202 between Route 29 and U.S. 30 for the next several weeks to complete miscellaneous construction activities and clean-up operations in the work zone.

In addition to widening more than six miles of U.S. 202 under these two mainline contracts, PennDOT built a two-mile long collector-distributor road along northbound U.S. 202 to improve travel through the Route 29 Interchange; rebuilt and improved the U.S. 202/Route 401 Interchange; rehabilitated five mainline bridges; installed glare screen barrier to separate northbound and southbound travel lanes; erected 20 sign structures; installed 7.5 miles of

sound walls; built 14 storm water management basins; installed 10 storm water mitigation areas; and constructed a 32-space park-and-ride facility at the U.S. 30/U.S. 322 Interchange in Caln Township.

Prior to starting mainline widening construction in spring 2011, PennDOT invested \$40.6 million to replace six overhead bridges with longer structures to provide the space needed to add an additional travel lane in each direction, and to improve two nearby intersections. PennDOT also invested \$13.7 million to install Intelligent Transportation System components (33 closed-circuit television cameras; 22 dynamic message signs; and 61 incident detectors) along U.S. 202 in Chester and Delaware counties, and on Route 100 and U.S. 30 in Chester County.

To assist citizens during U.S. 202 construction, PennDOT worked closely with federal, county and municipal officials to execute a Congestion Mitigation Plan to help alleviate traffic impacts and provide citizens with alternative transportation options. The stakeholders included the Federal Highway Administration; Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; Chester County Planning Commission; SEPTA; Transportation Management Association of Chester County; Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association; East Whiteland Township; Tredyffrin Township; West Whiteland Township; and Willistown Township.

With the widening of U.S. 202 in the Great Valley area, motorists now have more than 11 miles of six-lane expressway on which to travel on between the U.S. 30 Interchange and King of Prussia.

From 1999 to 2003, PennDOT rebuilt and widened five miles of U.S. 202 to six lanes between Route 252 in Tredyffrin Township and Gulph Road in Upper Merion Township.

For more information on the widening of U.S. 202 between Route 252 (Swedesford Road) and U.S. 30, visit www.us202-300.com.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 770 traffic cameras.

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