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PennDOT Announces Tarentum Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Tarentum, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has announced plans for a major rehabilitation project for the Tarentum Bridge and its associated interchange ramps connecting Tarentum Borough and the City of New Kensington.

The Tarentum Bridge carries State Route 366 over the Allegheny River, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and East First Avenue, serving as a critical transportation connection between Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. PennDOT's planned project will focus on extending the structure's service life through a comprehensive rehabilitation of the bridge and surrounding ramp infrastructure.

The proposed work includes replacement of the bridge deck using an exodermic grid deck system, structural repairs to both the superstructure and substructure, and a full repainting of the bridge's steel components. Additional improvements will include new bridge joints and bearings, repairs to truss members, and concrete rehabilitation at the bridge abutments and piers. Improvements will also be made to the interchange ramps connected to the bridge. These preservation activities will include deck overlays, joint and bearing replacements, structural repairs, and full painting to protect and extend the life of the ramp structures.

According to PennDOT, construction is expected to begin in the winter of 2027 and continue through the fall of 2029. Additional details regarding construction scheduling, traffic impacts, and detours will be provided by PennDOT as the project progresses through the design and planning stages. Project information and a detailed presentation outlining the proposed improvements are available on PennDOT's website under District 11 Projects by selecting the Tarentum Bridge and Interchange Ramps Rehabilitation Project.

"This project represents an important long-term investment in one of the region's most important river crossings," said Lou Ann Homa, Tarentum Borough Council Vice President and Chair of Public Works Committee. "The Tarentum Bridge is a vital link between communities on both sides of the Allegheny River, and PennDOT's planned rehabilitation will help ensure the bridge remains safe, reliable, and functional for decades to come."

Residents and property owners with questions about the project are encouraged to contact PennDOT District 11 at (412) 429-5035 for additional information.

Tarentum Borough will continue to coordinate with PennDOT and provide residents with updates as additional project information becomes available.

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