

Summary of Greenwood Avenue Bridge Meeting
May 31, 2012
Held at Curtis Hall

Present at the meeting were three construction men representing PennDOT and two people representing SEPTA (who really didn't say much except that if you have questions, you need to call or e-mail SEPTA or check their website). The three men stated that they were there to give information about the construction and that they didn't know anything about the design phase/plans.

Here is what we learned:

- Construction is to begin (approximately) on June 25, 2012
- There will be a car detour and a truck detour
 - o The cars will be directed to travel on Washington Lane, Church Road and Greenwood Ave.
 - o Trucks are to travel on Greenwood, Rt. 309, Cheltenham Ave., Washington Lane
 - o Basically detours are on State Roads
 - Many questions were raised about drivers using the local roads and not adhering to the detour routes
 - Chelt. Police present at the meeting stated they will be out and visible during the beginning of the construction. If residents find that there are excess vehicles cutting through the local roads they should call - information is below.
 - Maple Ave. will be made one-way from Heacock to Washington Ln. (direction - heading toward Washington Ln.)
- Updates will appear on a special website dedicated to the project
 - o <http://greenwood.gvftma.info/>
- The bridge will be closed for approximately 15 months
- A smaller bridge will show up at the end of June, it will be built on Greenwood and then put in place. This will carry all of the utility cables and piping: Aqua, PECO, Verizon, Comcast, etc.
- Demolition of the existing bridge should take place before Labor Day (until then utilities have to be relocated)
- No more parking spaces will be used for the construction site; they have used between 13-15
- Plans are not on a website for viewing; they are in PennDOT's construction office which is located on the second floor over the cleaners at the corner of Glenside Ave. and Greenwood Ave.
- The road (Railroad Ave.) that leads to the passenger drop-off area on the Cheltenham Township side of the tracks will remain open during the construction. The South parking lot will also remain open.
- Getting from the South parking lot to the ticket office
 - o A pedestrian, covered, walkway will be constructed
- Weekend Work
 - o There may be a need for this, but, coordination with SEPTA will have to take

place

- Night Work
 - About 15 days of night work
 - Hours from approximately 1:30AM to 4:00AM, with lead in and out time which could begin at Midnight and end at 5:00AM
 - Just prior to the work at night, they are supposed to contact the two Municipalities and post on the Bridge Construction website
 - Noise level...due to the fact that the area is made of rock, no pile driving will be needed, which will eliminate the thump, thump, thump sounds all night
- SEPTA (Wendy Green-Harvey)
 - Trains will run on a regular schedule
 - Buses will run on a regular schedule - bus route when bridge is removed; check website
 - Any changes in schedule that are needed - look on SEPTA website
 - Any issues with transit during the construction - send e-mail or call SEPTA. Info can be found on their website
 - If SEPTA builds high level platforms, one day, they will have to be retrofitted to the bridge
 - Tunnel will be the way for pedestrians to get from one side of the tracks to the other (comments were made by residents about the smell in the tunnel and the fact that it floods when there is heavy rain)
 - Wendy Green-Harvey, SEPTA Community Relations: wgreen@septa.org 215-580-7661

Contact if you are experiencing traffic issues on your street:

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Contact if you have questions regarding the construction of the bridge:

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Some interesting information:

170 trains/day go through the Jenkintown- Wyncote Station

Approximately 7,000 vehicles travel across the Greenwood Ave. Bridge each day.