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## **Bridge Preservation Work to Begin Monday in Howard Borough**

**Bellefonte, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that preliminary work on a bridge preservation project in Howard Borough is scheduled to begin Monday, April 1. The bridge spans the SEDA-COG Railroad on Route 26 (Walnut Street) in Howard Borough. The repairs will allow PennDOT to remove this structure from Centre County's list of bridges in poor condition.

The contractor will place temporary signals the week of April 1, which will be in flash mode before becoming fully operational on April 9. The signals will enforce an alternating traffic pattern.

Once the signals are operational, crews will repair the bridge using half-width phasing. Work to be completed includes repairing and painting of steel beams, reconstruction of pedestals, resetting of rocker bearings, repairing the concrete abutments, and application of a latex concrete wearing course.

Crews will also complete full-depth reconstruction of the roadway, curb and sidewalk replacements, minor drainage repairs, and installation of new guiderail.

The entire project spans 690 feet, PennDOT expects the bridge to be open to traffic in October. Ryland Construction, Inc. of Lewisberry, PA is the contractor for this \$1 million project.

The bridge was originally constructed in 1967, is 198 feet long, and carries an average of nearly 2,200 vehicles daily. Drivers are reminded to use caution in and around work zones, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.

Motorists are encouraged to "Know Before They Go" by checking conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://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 860 traffic cameras. Users can also see plow truck statuses and travel alerts along a specific route using the "Check My Route" tool.

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