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Construction to Start on Economic Recovery Project to Build New Ramps to Westbound Interstate 76

King of Prussia – PennDOT District 6 announced today that construction is scheduled to begin Tuesday (Dec. 1) on a \$10.5 million project to construct new ramps to connect westbound Interstate 76 with Henderson Road and South Gulph Road in Upper Merion Township, Montgomery. The project is financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

On Tuesday (Dec. 1), two lanes of South Gulph Road will be shifted to the northbound side of the roadway while crews will install temporary barrier from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Once the barrier is installed the traffic pattern will remain in affect for the remainder of the job. Crews will then work behind the barrier to clear the project area, relocate utilities, excavate for the westbound I-76 on-ramp and widen South Gulph Road. Crews will work weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on South Gulph Road.

“The addition of new ramps at this location will provide easier access for travel between westbound I-76 and Henderson Road and South Gulph Road,” PennDOT District Executive Lester Toaso said. “The ramps also will provide motorists with another option to reach Upper Merion besides using the Gulph Mills and Route 202 interchanges.”

To improve access and relieve congestion along I-76 in Upper Merion Township, crews will build a westbound off-ramp from I-76 to the intersection of Henderson Road and South Gulph Road and a new on-ramp to westbound I-76 from the Henderson Road and South Gulph Roads intersection.

The existing on-ramp to I-76 West from South Gulph Road near the intersection of Crooked Lane will be closed when the new westbound on-ramp opens.

The project also includes building a sound wall along the new on-ramp to westbound I-76 and widening South Gulph Road and Henderson Road in the area of the new interchange.

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PennDOT has awarded 21 transportation economic recovery projects in the region.

To learn more about how the federal economic recovery program will benefit Pennsylvania, visit www.recovery.pa.gov.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.

For more information, visit www.dot.state.pa.us/district6 or call 610.205.6700.

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