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PennDOT Awards Transportation Economic Recovery Project to Replace Four Structurally Deficient Bridges at Gustine Lake Interchange in Philadelphia

King of Prussia – PennDOT District 6 today announced the award of a \$20,224,832 transportation economic recovery project to improve the Gustine Lake Interchange in Philadelphia.

The contract was awarded to Buckley and Company, Inc. of Philadelphia for the replacement of four structurally deficient bridges, removal of a fifth bridge, and the realignment of two ramps to create a new signalized intersection at Ridge Avenue. Nearly 100,000 motorists use this interchange between City Avenue, Lincoln Drive, Kelly Drive and Ridge Avenue daily.

The contractor will replace two bridges on ramps over Kelly Drive, the bridge carrying Lincoln Drive over Ridge Avenue and a bridge on the Lincoln Drive ramp to southbound City Avenue. The plan also includes the removal of the bridge on the northbound City Avenue ramp to Ridge Avenue and the relocation of this ramp and the Kelly Drive ramp to Ridge Avenue to create a new signalized intersection where both ramps will intersect Ridge Avenue.

Additional improvements to be made at the interchange under this contract include new interchange lighting, 15 new sign structures with new directional signs, eight bio-retention basins, 300 new trees and shrubs, and a stone finish on bridge columns and walls.

The deteriorating bridges were built in the early 1960s and range in length from 121 feet to 238 feet.

Construction is expected to start in February and finish in September 2011.

In the five-county Philadelphia region, PennDOT is investing \$255 million of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds on 30 transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements, Intelligent Transportation System installations, traffic signal upgrades, multi-use trails, and curb ramp replacements.

The Gustine Lake Interchange improvement project is financed with \$13.7 million of federal ARRA funds and over \$6 million of other federal funds.

PennDOT has awarded 28 transportation economic recovery projects in the five-county Philadelphia region and 20 projects are in construction.

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.

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