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PennDOT Awards Economic Recovery Contract to Rebuild Curb Ramps in Northampton County

Allentown – PennDOT Engineering District 5 announced today the award of a transportation contract in Northampton County that is financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

PennDOT awarded Heim Construction Company, Inc. of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, a \$970,461 contract to rebuild curb ramps on 104 corners in Northampton County.

This is a design-build project meaning that design and construction aspects are contracted with a single entity. Construction is expected to begin at some point this spring and finish in December.

This curb ramp reconstruction contract is part of PennDOT's multi-year, multi-million dollar program to rebuild curbs ramps throughout the commonwealth to meet the latest design standards.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, PennDOT installed more than 100,000 curb ramps between 1992 and 1995 for use by individuals with disabilities. Since that time, design standards for curb ramps have changed and most ramps must be rebuilt to conform to the latest standards.

Within the six-county District 5 region (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill counties), PennDOT will invest \$141 million of federal economic recovery funds on transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements and Intelligent Transportation System installations.

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

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