



News for Immediate Release

Jan. 20, 2010

PennDOT Awards Economic Recovery Contract to Improve Lancaster Avenue (Business Route 222) in Berks County

Allentown – PennDOT Engineering District 5 today announced the award of a contract to improve Lancaster Avenue (Business Route 222) in the City of Reading, Cumru Township, Kenhorst and Shillington boroughs in Berks County. The work is financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

PennDOT awarded Reading Materials, Inc. of Skippack, Montgomery County the \$3,128,392 contract.

The project includes milling, concrete patching, paving, curb ramp upgrades and other miscellaneous construction on Lancaster Avenue between PA 724 (Philadelphia Avenue) in Cumru Township and Bingaman Street in the City of Reading.

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 October.

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.

Media contact: Ronald J. Young, Jr., M.P.A., 610-871-4555, ronyoung@state.pa.us.

Source: PennDOT Engineering District 5.

#