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Road Closure Scheduled on Northeast Extension Between Lehigh Valley and Quakertown Interchanges

Weekend overnight closure for bridge replacement project scheduled to minimize travel impacts

LEHIGH COUNTY, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Turnpike (PA Turnpike) advises motorists traveling on the Northeast Extension (I-476) in Lehigh and Bucks County that a bridge replacement project will lead to an overnight road closure in both directions this weekend.

To allow for demolition and for beams to be safely removed as part of the replacement of bridge NB-349 (Tilghman Street), the Northeast Extension is scheduled to be closed on Sunday, March 16 from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. between the Lehigh Valley (Exit 56) and Quakertown (Exit 44) interchanges. The bridge replacement is part of a plan to reconstruct and widen the Northeast Extension from milepost A53 to A57.

The following suggested detours will be in place during the closure:

NORTHBOUND DETOUR

- PA Route 663 North 3.3 miles
- PA Route 309 North 9.3 miles
- Interstate 78 West 6.3 miles
- PA Route 309 North 1.0 miles
- U.S. Route 22 West 1.1 miles
- Re-enter at Lehigh Valley Interchange #56

SOUTHBOUND DETOUR

- U.S. Route 22 East 0.5 miles
- PA Route 309 South 2.0 miles
- Interstate 78 East 6.2 miles
- PA Route 309 South 9.2 miles
- PA Route 663 South 3.2 miles
- Re-enter at Quakertown Interchange #44

Pennsylvania State Police and PA Turnpike personnel will be positioned at the impacted areas to assist drivers. Changeable message signs will also provide information on this closure. Motorists are encouraged to plan travel accordingly. Work schedules are subject to change based on weather conditions.

To report an incident or other emergency on the PA Turnpike, dial *11 via mobile phone. To learn more about PA Turnpike conditions, use one of these resources:

ON THE TURNPIKE

<u>511PA Smartphone App</u>: real-time, hands-free PA traffic advisories Changeable Message Signs: more than 200 boards along the PA Turnpike **ON THE WEB** 511/511pa.com: live, interactive map

X/Twitter: openTurnpikeAlert

BY PHONE

511: dial from any PA roadway for local travel information

Pennsylvania Turnpike Customer Assistance Center: 877-736-6727, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This roadwork is critical to delivering on the Pennsylvania Turnpike (PA Turnpike)'s mission of operating a safe, reliable, customer-valued toll road system that supports national mobility and commerce. Since 2023, the PA Turnpike has supported about \$1 billion in construction bids to modernize, maintain or improve customer experience. Key projects include resurfacing nearly 75 miles roadway, a record-high 27 miles of total reconstruction, and replacing key bridges at Beaver River and Hawk Falls. Resources and information on planned construction projects can be found at <u>Traveling on the PA Turnpike</u>.

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