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## Dravosburg Traffic Signal Operational May 2

*PA Turnpike announces temporary traffic signal in place and working ahead of schedule.*

**DRAVOSBURG, PA** — The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) is pleased to announce the temporary traffic signal put in place at the intersection of Richland Avenue and 5th Street in Dravosburg, Allegheny County will be operational beginning May 2, which is ahead of schedule.

Final inspection of the traffic signal is taking place the morning of May 2. Once the inspection is complete, the signal will be in test mode for 30 days but will be working as a functional traffic signal during this time. Drivers should obey all traffic laws when approaching the signal at Richland Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The goal to construct a temporary traffic signal as quickly as possible following ongoing safety issues, including a fatal accident last year in the area, was a collaboration between many agencies including PennDOT, Allegheny County and Dravosburg Borough officials.

“Working with local leadership and statewide transportation agencies, we were able to mobilize our joint resources to provide this community with what they requested and needed,” said Sean Logan, PA Turnpike Commissioner. “I’m proud of how our staff here at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission responded so quickly to alter our plans for this section of the Mon/Fayette Expressway Project to construct this temporary traffic signal.”

The next construction section of the Mon/Fayette Expressway PA Route 51 to I-376 Project’s southern section is expected to go out to bid in the fall of 2025. After the bid is awarded, the winning contractor will be required to construct a permanent traffic signal to replace the temporary one.

Plans for the temporary traffic signal were approved in November upon PennDOT’s completion of a traffic signal warrant study requested by Dravosburg Borough. This study was completed after the left turn restrictions were implemented on Richland Avenue with the results of the study showing a traffic signal was warranted with the current traffic volumes.

“The installation of this traffic signal is a critical step in our ability to support the safety of our residents and motorists. I want to thank Commissioner Logan and the PA Turnpike for answering our calls for the need for more safety at this intersection,” said Senator Jim Brewster. “As a leading proponent of the bipartisan effort to complete the Mon-Fayette

Expressway, I am pleased that this traffic safety measure is now in place as part of that ongoing project for the public good.”

This action is part of ongoing safety improvements in this area which have required collaboration between township, county, state, and transportation officials to address recent tragic incidents.

“I want to acknowledge and thank the efforts of all the parties involved to get this done so quickly. From the Turnpike accelerating their funding; to PennDOT quickly turning around their traffic study; to the County for installing new signage and dividers; and of course, Dravosburg Borough for passing the ordinances needed to make these intersections safer, every level of government worked together to get this done quickly. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this done in such an expeditious manner,” said Representative Nick Pisciotano.

For additional information on the Mon Fayette Expressway PA Route 51 to I-376 Project visit the project website: [PA Route 51 to I-376 of the Mon/Fayette Expressway \(paturnpike.com\)](http://paturnpike.com)

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