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# PennDOT Potter County Maintenance Work Schedule for the Week of July 29

**Clearfield, PA –** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the following schedule of maintenance activities in Potter County the week of July 29. PennDOT performs year-round maintenance in its mission to provide a safe, efficient transportation system, and the scope of work in Potter County for the coming week is as follows:

### **Bridge Maintenance & Cleaning**

 Route 3001 (East Fork Road) in Summit Township. Monday, July 29, through Thursday, August 1. PennDOT will implement a detour using detour using Route 44 (Coudersport Pike), Route 6 (Grand Army of the Republic Highway), and Route 872 (Inez Road).

Pennsylvania has some of the oldest bridges in the country, with an age of more than 50 years on average. Preventive maintenance is vital in extending the life of the structures. As such, PennDOT maintenance crews perform some bridge deck patching and structural repairs.

#### **Manual Patching**

 Route 244 (Rose Lake Road/Andrew's Settlement Road/Ellisburg Road) between Rose Lake in Allegheny Township and Route 449 in Genesee Township. Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Most permanent pothole patching is completed in the spring/summer when temperatures stay consistently above freezing. If maintenance crews were not repairing potholes, the road surface would break up further and require more expensive corrective measures.

#### **Pipe Replacing & Cleaning**

- Route 144 (Cross Fork Road) between the Clinton-Potter County line and Route 44 (Coudersport Pike). Tuesday, July 30, through Friday, August 2. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 144 (Carter Camp Road/Branch Road) between and Route 44 (Coudersport Pike) and Route 6 in Galeton. Tuesday, July 30, through Friday, August 2. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 4031 (Faith Street). Tuesday, July 30, through Friday, August 2. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Pipe replacement and cleaning are essential in maintaining water flow around state roadways. Controlling water flow is one of the most important aspects of maintaining pavements. Uncontrolled water flow will damage both the pavement surface and the area under the pavement, which causes deterioration across the length of the pipe.

#### Side Dozing

- Route 144 (Cross Fork Road) between the Clinton-Potter County line and Route 44 (Coudersport Pike). Monday, July 29, through Thursday, August 1. Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.
- Route 144 (Carter Camp Road/Branch Road) between and Route 44 (Coudersport Pike) and Hill Hollow Road in West Branch Township. Monday, July 29, through Thursday, August 1Flaggers in the roadway will provide traffic control during daylight hours.

Side dozing removes excess material from beneath guide rail areas, which improves drainage and allows water to sheet flow off the roadway. Side dozing is a crucial highway maintenance operation because when drainage systems do not function properly, water collects on the road, weakens pavement, accelerates the formation of potholes, and creates the potential for icing conditions in the winter months.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, emergencies, or other unforeseen interruptions.

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