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Safety Improvements Will Enhance Three Roads in Bedminster

BEDMINSTER – Somerset County has been awarded federal funding through the High Risk Rural Road Program to make safety improvements to three county roads in Bedminster.

Road signs are posted alerting residents and motorists that the construction project, which includes Pottersville Road (CR 512), Lamington Road (CR 523) and Burnt Mills Road (CR 620), will start in March. Access will be maintained for local residents, businesses and essential services throughout construction.

Safety improvements will include road resurfacing, the replacement of all traffic signs and the addition of highly reflective traffic striping. Curved areas will receive a high-friction roadway surface to help reduce "out of control" and wet-weather crashes, and guiderails will be updated to meet current crashworthy standards. To help reduce the occurrence of loose stones on the roadway and to improve bicycle safety, stone-paved side roads and driveways will receive paved aprons.

During the first half of March, the contractor, Schifano Construction Corp., will begin necessary tree removal and drainage pipe and concrete repair work. The three roadways will remain open during this phase of construction, with one lane of traffic being directed around work zones by flaggers.

The next phase of construction will include the repair of broken pavement, which will require road closures to through traffic. Detours will be posted. Hours of each of the road closures will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for a period of approximately one to two weeks. When one road is closed, the other two roads will remain open. The order of road closures will be Pottersville Road first, then Lamington Road and finally Burnt Mills Road. Updates to the schedules will be posted via the Somerset County email alert system.

The safety-improvement project will continue through August with additional periods of single-lane closure and full-road closure, with posted detours as required. Dates will be announced closer to the time that specific work is scheduled.

A webpage for this project, including detour routes and construction plans, can be found at http://bit.ly/BedminsterProject

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