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Route 23 Ramp to U.S. 422 East to Close Beginning Monday for Bridge Construction in Valley Forge Area

Additional U.S. 422 and Route 23 Travel Restrictions Scheduled Next Week

King of Prussia, PA – The ramp from Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) to eastbound U.S. 422 in Upper Merion and West Norriton townships, Montgomery County, will be closed and detoured beginning Monday, July 10, through late fall for bridge construction activities, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today. During construction, Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) motorists will be directed to use Gulph Road and First Avenue to access the ramp to eastbound U.S. 422.

In addition to the ramp closure, U.S. 422 and Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) motorists will encounter lane closures next week. The work schedule, which is weather dependent, is:

- Monday, July 10, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, lane closures with flagging are scheduled on Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) between Moore Road and Gulph Road;
- Tuesday, July 11, through Friday, July 14, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, lane closures are scheduled on westbound U.S. 422 between the Interstate 76 and First Avenue interchanges; and
- Wednesday, July 12, from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM, the left lane is scheduled to close on westbound U.S. 422 between the First Avenue and Route 363 (Trooper Road) interchanges.

PennDOT advises drivers to allow additional time for travel on Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) and U.S. 422 and near the construction areas because backups will occur.

This work is part of the \$97.4 million project to build new, wider bridges to improve travel and carry U.S. 422 motorists over the Schuylkill River, Norfolk Southern Railroad, South Trooper Road and Schuylkill River Trail in West Norriton, Upper Merion and Lower Providence townships. The project includes improving U.S. 422 between the Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) and Route 363 (Trooper Road) interchanges; upgrading Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) at its interchange with U.S. 422; and improving ramps at the Route 363 (Trooper Road), Route 23 (Valley Forge Road) and First Avenue interchanges. Construction began in February 2016 and is scheduled to finish in May 2020.

J.D. Eckman, Inc. of Atglen, Chester County, is the general contractor on the project that is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

For additional information on U.S. 422 improvement projects, visit www.422improvements.com.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by Act 89, or those on the department's Four and Twelve Year Plans, [visit www.projects.penndot.gov](http://www.projects.penndot.gov).

A list of weekly road restrictions and PennDOT maintenance operations in the five-county Philadelphia region is available by visiting the [District 6 Traffic Bulletin](http://www.penndot.gov/District6) at www.penndot.gov/District6.

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