



# West College Avenue Construction Update

3/29/12

**Traffic is flowing on the new road and crossing the bridge.**



The final pieces of construction will occur over the next couple of weeks including the final layer of paving on West Bainbridge Street. Construction of the Millstone Plaza on the southwest quadrant of the intersection begins this week. New ADA accessible ramps and sidewalks at the Union Street and Market Street intersection have been constructed, and the upgraded traffic signal is activated at this location.

3/16/12

The new road and bridge at College Avenue is scheduled to open mid-morning on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Our intention is to open the bridge sometime after 9am following the morning commuter traffic. When the bridge opens, all traffic traveling on Bainbridge Road to and from Market Street in the Borough will utilize the bridge and the new signalized intersection at Market Street. The existing connection from Bainbridge Road to Market Street (currently winding through the Mars property) will no longer be open.

Street name changes will also accompany the opening of the bridge. The former West Bainbridge Street between Market Street and Poplar Street will be renamed Union Street and will end at its intersection with Poplar Street. The traffic signal at the intersection of Market Street and Union Street will remain a functioning light. Beginning at its intersection of Market Street, the former West College Avenue will be renamed West Bainbridge Street and continues over the new bridge and under the existing railroad pass into West Donegal Township. The intersection of West Bainbridge Street / East College Avenue and Market Street will be a fully signalized intersection. East College Avenue keeps its current name.

During the transition, we will have temporary signage indicating the new traffic patterns approaching the site from both directions on Market Street. The new road will open with a base layer of paving. It is our intentions to place the wearing course on the road (from Market Street to the railroad pass) after April 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with Penn Dot regulations regarding the paving season. At that time, it is expected that traffic will be temporarily limited to one lane for an approximately three day period while this work is completed. Flaggers will be on the site during the paving work and will do their best to ensure continual flow of traffic in both directions as much as possible.

2/8/12 Construction of the new bridge and road connection nears completion. Traffic signals and pedestrian crossing signals have been installed at the newly improved intersection. These signals will become active with the opening of the bridge. New street lights are ready to be energized. Weather permitting, it is anticipated that final stages of construction will be complete and the new bridge open to the public before Spring. The road construction project has been 100% funded by Federal Highway funds. In addition, intersection enhancements have included the construction of retaining walls on the northern quadrants of the intersection with new signage welcoming visitors to Elizabethtown. A small plaza area displaying mill stones discovered on the site during construction is planned for the southwest quadrant of the intersection. The intersection improvements are funded by a Lancaster County Urban Enhancement Fund grant.

Street name changes will also accompany the opening of the bridge and accommodate the new street and traffic patterns. The existing section of West Bainbridge Street between S. Market Street and S. Poplar Street will be renamed Union Street. Union Street will end at its connection with S. Poplar Street. The Union Street and S. Market Street intersection will remain a signalized intersection. The existing section of West College Avenue from S. Market Street to the other side of the new bridge will be renamed West Bainbridge Street and will connect with the existing West Bainbridge Street on the west side of the creek.

8/16/11 The demolition of the former garage on the corner of Market Street and West College Avenue is complete. Bridge pier footing will be poured this week and excavation for a bridge abutment will begin. Please note that due to construction, the first block of West College Avenue will be closed to traffic on Monday, August 22, 2011. This section of street will remain closed until further notice. Peach Alley will remain open the full length to provide access to residences and businesses in this area. These precautions are necessary for the safety of residents and the construction crews.

8/3/11 Construction continues on the roadway project with the construction of a retaining wall, relocation of sanitary sewer lines, stabilization of the culvert running under the building, and footing for the pier. Weather permitting, demolition of the former garage on the corner of Market Street and West College Avenue is slated for the week of August 9th to clear the way for the new road. The demolition is expected to last approximately one week.

6/1/11 The West College Avenue Phase II construction is underway. Temporary sheeting has been placed and excavation has begun for the retaining wall. Over the next

couple of weeks construction will continue on the retaining wall, and excavation in preparation for the sewer line and sidewalks will begin. The public is reminded that this is a construction site and to use caution and remain clear of all identified construction areas. For the safety of everyone, we encourage the public to contact the Borough Office at 367-1700 or [boro@etownonline.com](mailto:boro@etownonline.com) with all questions regarding the construction instead of visiting and engaging individuals working at the construction site. We will continue to post periodic updates of the construction activity on the Borough's website. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- 4/28/11 The Notice to Proceed for the West College Avenue Phase II Construction Project will be issued to Pennsy Supply, Inc. effective Monday, May 2, 2011. The contractor will begin equipment mobilization and prepare for construction at that time. Parking restrictions will apply to West College Avenue effective Monday, May 2, 2011.
- 4/5/11 Borough Council, at their March 24, 2011 public meeting, awarded the West College Avenue Phase II construction contract to Pennsy Supply dba McMinn's Asphalt of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A pre-construction meeting was held last week, and it is anticipated that a Notice to Proceed will be issued in the near future. Utility work, removing electric utility poles and moving utility service lines, is scheduled to be completed the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. The construction contract, in the amount of \$3,139,617.15 is fully funded with Federal Highway funds administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- 8/18/10 Preparation for the West College Avenue Phase II construction project is underway. Easements have been acquired for the traffic signal and pedestrian crossing poles. Tree and brush clearing for installation of utilities has taken place. Funding for the project has been awarded. The bid specifications have been submitted to PADot and upon approval the project will be advertised for bids.
- 2/22/10 Finalizing additional easements for utility and pedestrian signal poles. An environmental review report is pending. Phase II of the project will be bid upon receiving PADot approval.
- 11/15/09 Anticipate receiving approval from PADot to bid the Phase II project. If approval is received, contractor would likely begin work in March of 2010. Project is estimated to be 13 months in duration.
- 10/15/09 Anticipate submitting final right-of-way clearance to PADot.
- 8/19/09 PADot requests redesign of the southeast quadrant of College Avenue and Market Street to include an additional ADA ramp and pedestrian crossing signage. Redesign was submitted on August 28, 2009.
- 7/30/09 Resubmitted bridge plan to PADot for approval.
- 7/17/09 Final traffic signal plan submitted to PADot.
- 7/10/09 Submitted proprietary materials request for approval to PADot.
- 1/2/09 Resubmitted lighting plan to PADot for approval.

12/15/08 Begin the final phase of right-of-way acquisition for Phase II.

10/27/08 Temporary by-pass route to be opened.

10/22/08 Phase I completion.

6/30/08 Notice to proceed issued to Abel Construction and Kinsley Construction for Phase I.

4/17/08 Phase I utility relocation contract awarded by Borough Council to Kinsley Construction, York PA.

4/03/08 Phase I construction project awarded by Borough Council to Abel Construction, Mountville, PA.

2/29/08 Opening of bids for Phase I (round two).

2/1/08 Phase I readvertised for public bids.

12/21/07 Phase I bids were rejected due to discrepancy in minority contractor percentage in bid documentation.

11/26/07 Advertisement for Phase I road construction work placed in newspaper.

11/15/07 Right-of-way clearance and utility clearance for Phase I road construction (railroad bridge underpass to Conoy Creek) received from PennDOT.

10/11/07 Property acquisition continues to be the focus of our efforts. Tenant relocation forms and payments have been completed. Final right-of-way agreements are in the process of being negotiated.

8/28/07 West Bainbridge Street is closed from South Poplar Street to Masonic Drive.

8/9/07 Mars Snackfood US announces an anticipated date of 8/28/07 for the closing of West Bainbridge Street.

7/12/07 Mars Snackfood US announces the anticipated date of August 6, 2007 for the closing of West Bainbridge Street and the start of construction at the Elizabethtown plant.

7/5/07 Letters from Mars Snackfood US, about the expansion to their Elizabethtown plant were mailed to all residents in the Borough, West Donegal Township, and Conoy Township.

6/25/07 A special edition of the *Borough Bulletin* was mailed to all residents in the Borough, West Donegal Township and Conoy Township providing details on the West Bainbridge Street closure, alternative traffic routes, and the Mars Snackfood US expansion to their Elizabethtown plant. The newsletter was provided in digital format to Mount Joy Township.

- 6/21/07 At their public meeting, Borough Council approved the advertisement of ordinances implementing parking restrictions on West High Street, West Bainbridge Street, and South Poplar Street in preparation for the closing of a section of West Bainbridge Street.
- 4/19/07 An advertised public hearing was held for the vacating and abandoning of a section of West Bainbridge Street in preparation for the construction of the new West College Avenue and the expansion of the Mars Snackfood US Elizabethtown plant. Borough Council approved the ordinance during the public meeting.
- 4/19/07 Borough Council approved the Mars Snackfood US Land Development Plan for an expansion to their Elizabethtown Plant. The land development plan received recommendation for approval by the Borough's Planning Commission following review at their April 10, 2007 meeting.
- 3/15/07 Borough Council approved the advertisement of an ordinance for the vacation of a section of West Bainbridge Street in preparation of the construction of the new West College Avenue and the expansion of the Mars Snackfood US Elizabethtown plant.
- 2/7/07 Proposed construction timetable submitted by Rettew Associates pending review and approval from Mars Snackfood US and Borough officials.
- 10/12/06 Reimbursement contract for the road construction was approved by PennDot for the Borough to bid and administer the construction in accordance with state and federal guidelines.
- 10/4/06 Right of way appraisal and acquisition contracts were awarded to RSR Appraisers and Greenhorne & O'Mara Consultants.
- 9/1/06 Revised Joint Permit was submitted to DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers by Rettew Associates based upon the final design.
- 6/21/06 Lancaster County TTAC and MPO approved the design and revisions to the TIP for the West College Avenue extension.
- 5/10/06 Preliminary cost estimates for the construction project are received and reviewed by Borough, Mars Snackfood US, PennDot and County officials.
- 1/6/06 The Borough applied for a RACP grant from the Commonwealth to assist with relocation of utilities from Bainbridge Street to West College Avenue.
- 10/14/05 An application for Joint Permit to construct the new bridge across Conoy Creek was submitted to DEP and US Army Corps of Engineers.
- 9/19/05 A final design and engineering contract was awarded to Rettew Associates to develop plans and specifications for the proposed extension of West College Avenue.
- 7/14/05 Borough Council advertised and held a public hearing on the proposed extension of West College Avenue.

- 6/3/05 A design field view meeting was held with PennDot, DEP, utility representatives and Borough and Mars Snackfood US officials.
- 4/15/05 Preliminary traffic signal and traffic control plan was submitted by Rettew Associates to PennDot.
- 2/4/05 A geotechnical exploration report was submitted by Rettew Associates to PennDot for review.
- 1/7/05 Hydrologic and hydraulic studies were submitted by Rettew Associates to PennDot for review.
- 4/13/04 Additional engineering work was performed by Rettew Associates to explore environmental, wetlands, traffic, geotechnical and utility analyses.
- 2/12/03 A preliminary engineering and surveying contract was awarded to Rettew Associates, Lancaster, PA to explore feasibility of West College Avenue extension project.

\*\*\* NOTE: The construction update is a summary list of important key events in the development of the West College Avenue Extension and is not intended to be an all inclusive record of the myriad tasks, submittals and agreements pertaining to this project.