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Utility Work Underway for Atherton Street Project

State College, PA – Utility work is underway as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) North Atherton Street project in State College. The entire project will take place through 2019, with **phased** work zones stretching from Aaron Drive to Park Avenue. Work will include relocation of numerous utility lines, relocation of sewer and water lines, drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalks, ADA ramps, traffic signal upgrades, new concrete median, and paving.

PennDOT expects roadway work to start up by late-March. Until construction activity begins, motorists can expect to encounter the following:

- **Closure of the northbound travel lane (right lane) from Blue Course Drive to Park Avenue for West Penn Power and Verizon utility work.**
- **In early March, closure of northbound and southbound passing lanes (left lanes) from Blue Course Drive to Cherry Lane for Columbia Gas utility line relocation work.**
- **Drivers should be alert for lane shifts between Cherry Lane and Park Avenue during the utility work detailed above.**
- **Travel delays could occur because of the lane closures—especially during high traffic volume times. Drivers should allow for extra travel time.**

All work is weather and schedule dependent. PennDOT will issue project updates on a regular basis. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College is the contractor on this \$12.8 million job. **Drivers are reminded to move through work zones with caution, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.**

To help make decisions about travel, motorists are encouraged to “**Know Before You Go**” by checking conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 850 traffic cameras. Users can also see plow truck statuses and travel alerts along a specific route using the “Check My Route” tool.

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