

## Road Construction Scheduled Throughout Greene County

WAYNESBURG — Summer weather has brought cookouts, baseball and construction on Greene County roads.

The state Department of Transportation has placed an emphasis on bridges, and at least four spans throughout the county are being replaced this summer. Construction crews also are rehabilitating bridge decks, expansion dams and latex overlays on some bridge decks between the West Virginia line in Mt. Morris to Interstate 70 just outside Washington.

One major bridge project is the \$9.36 million replacement of the Ten Mile Creek bridge on Route 88, between Jefferson Township, Greene County, and East Bethlehem Township, Washington County.

The new structure will be built next to the existing one. As part of this project, roadway improvements will be made to Route 88 and Route 2039 and the existing structure over Black Dog Hollow Run will be replaced.

Black Dog Hollow Bridge is complete, but because of the raise in elevation of the new roadway and new Ten Mile Bridge, it will not be opened to traffic until Ten Mile Bridge is complete. The contractor is working on grading for the new roadway and on drainage throughout the entire project.

The structure on Route 88 is on the Washington/Greene County line, two miles east of Clarksville and one mile west of Millsboro.

Since Ten Mile Creek is a navigable stream, coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard is ongoing. The new structure will provide increased vertical clearances for boat traffic and a bike lane/sidewalk will provide a crossing for the Greene Bike Trail.

This project was let Dec. 23, 2008, to Clearwater Construction Inc. and has a tentative completion date of early 2012.

Clearwater Construction has completed concrete placement for the deck, and concrete will be placed for the parapet and work will start on the approaches to the bridge.

Other bridge-replacement projects include:

- Branch of Browns Creek Bridge is a design build project for the replacement of the concrete I-beam bridge carrying Route 18 (Browns Creek Road) over a branch of Browns Creek in Morris Township. It will be half-width construction with single-lane traffic controlled by stop signs. The contractor on this \$1,061,827 job is Beech Construction Inc. The job was let July 16, 2009, and is expected to be completed by November 10.
- Route 19 over Dunkard Creek is a project consisting of replacing the existing two concrete T-beam structures and associated approach roadway. The existing structures on Route 19 will be replaced via half-width construction maintaining one lane of bi-directional traffic throughout construction. The construction limits are from 500 feet north of the state line with West Virginia to the Route 19 intersection with Wades Run Road. The contractor on this \$1.9 million project is Frank Gavlik & Sons Inc. of Charleroi. The tentative contract completion is in late November 2012, but the contractor anticipates completing both structures and opening to regular traffic by the end of this year. Both bridges are restricted to single-lane alternating traffic. The signal at the northern bridge, the stop signs at the southern bridge and the speed limit of 30 mph are all regulatory, legally enforceable requirements. Currently, the contractor is constructing the first phase of the half-width construction of the two bridges.
- Route 18 over Railroad/Ten Mile Creek involves replacing an at-grade railroad crossing and two-span structure over Ten Mile Creek with a seven-span grade-separation structure. This project is in Waynesburg Borough and Franklin Township from about 600 feet south of Ten Mile Creek to about the Route 218/Elm Street intersection. The contractor on this \$6,561,894 project is Clearwater Construction Inc. The job was let Oct. 21, 2010, and has a tentative completion of mid-June 2012. Construction is under way. Route 218 is closed from First Street to Elm Street.