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### Out With the Old, In with the New; Orrs Bridge Replacement Gets Underway in February

**Carlisle, PA** – Construction to replace the Orrs Bridge over the Conodoguinet Creek in Hampden Township is scheduled to begin as early as next month, with construction occurring in three phases over the next year-and-a-half. The Orrs Bridge Replacement Project is the biggest project on the county's list of bridge capital improvement projects.

“As we have worked diligently to advance the repair and replacement of structurally deficient bridges in our county, Orrs Bridge has been at the top of our list of priority projects,” said Commissioner Jim Hertzler, on behalf of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

“With some 10,000 vehicles a day traversing this major artery in our county's largest municipality, this has been the biggest and one of the most important projects on our ‘to do’ list. It's taken much longer than we had hoped, but, the good news is that construction is finally here,” Hertzler added.

The existing bridge will remain in service throughout construction. The new bridge will be constructed on a curve downstream from the existing bridge with two full-width 12-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders, and approximately a 7-foot sidewalk for pedestrian traffic. The spring at the south side of the bridge and the Rock Dam will not be impacted; however, access to the spring will be prohibited during construction. The old bridge will be removed once the new bridge is completed.

Because of its condition, the existing Orrs Bridge has been weight restricted, preventing some fire trucks and large vehicles from using the bridge and making it a top priority for replacement.

The three phases of construction include:

- **Bridge Construction Feb. 2019 – March 2020:** Long-term traffic control consists of maintaining vehicular traffic on the existing bridge, with pedestrian traffic prohibited. There may be occasional traffic stoppages to accommodate construction site access at either bridge approach during this period. This phase will take approximately 14 months, from the initial construction notice until the new bridge is built.
- **Roadway Approach Construction March 2020 – April 2020:** Once bridge construction is completed; a short-term detour will be utilized while the roadway tie-in points are constructed. This short-term detour will utilize Creekview Road, Good Hope Road, and the Carlisle Pike. This detour length is

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approximately 3.8 miles. Traffic operations may be reduced to one-lane for short periods of time. This phase will take approximately 5 weeks.

- **Bridge Demolition April 2020 – October 2020:** The existing bridge will be demolished after the new bridge is open to traffic. This phase will take approximately 5 months.

Deblin Construction of Mechanicsburg will be in charge of the project, with Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Engineering and Related Services. “The total allocation for the project is more than \$7.9 million, 80% funded by the federal government, 15% from state government and 5% from the county.”

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