



CENTRE BRIDGE-STOCKTON TOLL-SUPPORTED BRIDGE



CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN JANUARY 2ND: BRIDGE CLOSED DURING THE WEEK; OPEN ON WEEKENDS

Construction for the rehabilitation of the Centre Bridge-Stockton Toll-Supported Bridge will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. In an effort to accommodate requests from local businesses, residents, and public officials, construction will be suspended on weekends, allowing the bridge to remain open on those days for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. **The bridge will be open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from 5:00 p.m. each Friday afternoon until 6:00 a.m. each Monday morning.** In addition, the bridge will be open to traffic on the following holidays: Jan. 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Feb. 19, Presidents Day; April 6, Good Friday; and April 27, Friday before the Shad Festival. **The bridge will be closed Monday through Friday during the rehabilitation, which is expected to be finished by late May 2007.**

The project includes the rehabilitation of the Centre Bridge-Stockton Toll-Supported Bridge and approach roadway signage to the bridge. Improvements will include blast cleaning and painting of the bridge truss and rehabilitation of the roadway deck and sidewalk, as well as the staircase leading to the Pennsylvania Canal. Other work will include substructure repairs and improvements to roadway signing, roadway and bridge lighting, and sidewalk and bridge railings.

The Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission (Commission) awarded the contract for

construction management and construction inspection services to STV, Incorporated, of Trenton, NJ. STV will oversee the construction work performed by Road-Con, Incorporated, of West Chester, Pa.

OPEN HOUSE

The Commission held an open house on February 22, 2006, to provide the public



with conceptual details and project alternatives, including options regarding rehabilitation methods, construction staging, and construction schedule. Seventy people from project area communities attended, including business owners, business workers, residents, and public officials; each attendee was encouraged to complete comment cards provided by the Commission. Comments were received regarding preferred construction schedule options, business-related concerns, aesthetic aspects of the bridge, cost concerns, traffic impacts, and bridge weight limit.

Over 70 percent of the comment cards received requested that construction activity begin on Jan. 2, 2007, and be completed by Memorial Day 2007. Five

days after the open house, Stockton Borough approved a resolution stating that a winter construction schedule with weekend bridge openings is "most respectful of the needs of the Borough." Given the public comments and Stockton Borough resolution, the Commission decided to move forward with a winter construction schedule that would keep the bridge open on weekends and end construction by the beginning of the summer tourist season.

BIKE GUTTER BEING ADDED TO BRIDGE STAIRCASE

To make it easier for bicyclists to get from the trail on the Pennsylvania side of the river to the bridge and vice versa, the Commission is adding a bike gutter to the staircase on the Centre Bridge side of the bridge. The bike gutter will allow bicyclists to ascend and descend the stairs while wheeling their bicycles next to them. The bike gutter creates a metal track for the bicycle wheels to follow while being guided up or down the stairs.

CLIFF SWALLOWS ON VACATION DURING CONSTRUCTION

Cliff swallows, like the ones seen during the summer under the Centre Bridge-Stockton Toll-Supported Bridge, spend the winter months in South America. Winter construction activity will not affect their migratory behavior or habitat.



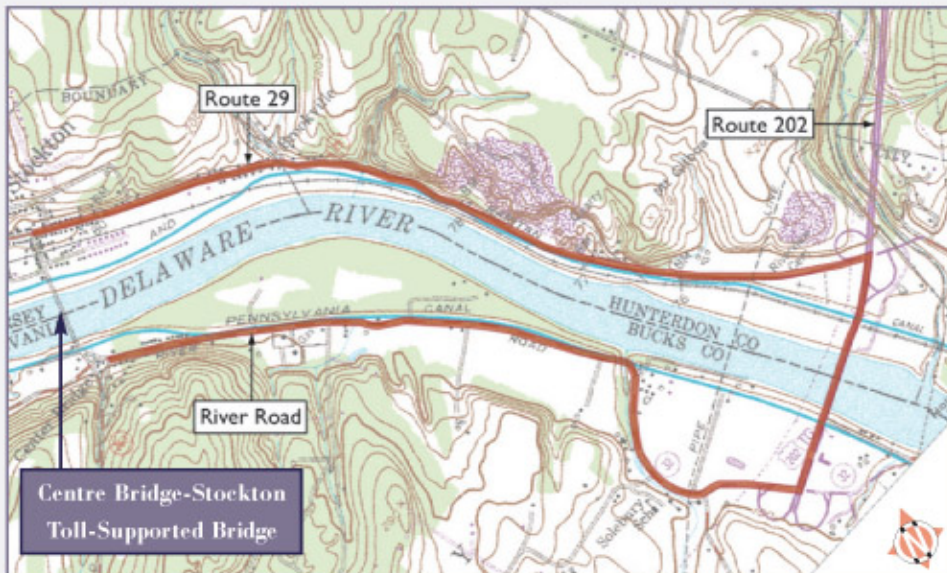
The Commission will include the installation of artificial cliff swallow nests as part of the bridge rehabilitation.

COMMISSION AWARDED \$2 MILLION GRANT TO STOCKTON BOROUGH

The Commission approved a \$2 million grant to Stockton Borough for transportation-related improvements under its Compact Authorized Investment Program. The grant will be used for the reconstruction of Bridge Street from Route 29 to the Canal Bridge, providing improvements for traffic flow and additional parking. Work also includes improving the roadway, drainage, and potable water on Mill Street. The Commission has awarded more than \$30 million of its \$40 million grant program to ease congestion and improve traffic conditions in New Jersey and Pennsylvania communities that host Commission bridges.

WEBSITE

Project information appears on the Commission's website www.drjtbc.org under the heading of "News & Events." A history of the bridge can be found under "Bridge Information" and an overview, including a detour map, of the project can be found under the heading of "Commission Projects."



CENTRE BRIDGE - STOCKTON TOLL-SUPPORTED BRIDGE DETOUR
The bridge will be closed from Monday at 6:00 a.m. to Friday at 5:00 p.m. during construction, and open on weekends and the following holidays: 1/15, 2/19, 4/6, and 4/27.



The bridge and pedestrian walkway will be open on weekends during construction.

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