

## **INBOUND PARKWAY WEST CLOSED THIS WEEKEND IN ROBINSON**

PennDOT District 11 is advising motorists the inbound (eastbound) lanes of the Parkway West (I-279 and Route 22/30) will be closed to traffic this weekend, April 17-20, 2009, in Robinson and Collier townships, Allegheny County.

The closure will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday night and will continue around-the-clock through 5 a.m. on Monday, April 20. Traffic will be detoured. Signs will be posted and police will help direct traffic. Approximately 30,000-40,000 vehicles use the inbound Parkway West on an average weekend day.

Posted Detour:

- Inbound traffic will exit at the Route 22/30/60 interchange.
- Follow southbound Route 60 (Steubenville Pike) to the I-79 Interchange
- Enter southbound I-79 and follow to the Parkway West interchange (Exit 59B)
- Reenter inbound Parkway West toward Pittsburgh

The on-ramps to the inbound Parkway West from Route 22/30/60, Campbells Run/Boyce Road and Ridge Road will also be closed this weekend.

This is the second of five closures scheduled on the Parkway West. The closures are necessary as crews mill, patch and resurface the Parkway West in the area between the Settlers Cabin and I-79 interchanges. The following additional weekend closures are tentatively scheduled:

- April 24-27: Inbound (eastbound) closure - 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday
- May 1-4: Outbound (westbound) closure - Midnight Friday to 5 a.m. Monday
- May 8-11: Outbound (westbound) closure - 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday

All work is weather dependent and the schedule could change.

Motorists should be prepared for possible delays, stop conditions and changing traffic patterns when traveling on the Parkway West. Allow extra time, plan accordingly, slow down and be safe.

The work is part of the \$67.5 million I-79 Parkway West “missing ramps” project. In addition to the two new ramps which opened to traffic in November 2008, extensive work is being done to the Parkway West to add an additional lane in both directions. The added lanes begin at the Campbells Run Road interchange and extend to the I-79 interchange for an approximate length of 1.6 miles. Upon completion of the project in

late June 2009, there will be three lanes of traffic in both directions through the interchange. This will reduce congestion on the Parkway, increase merge safety and also increase overall driver safety.

The prime contractor for the project is Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc. of Canonsburg, PA.

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