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FINAL PAVING RESTORATION SCHEDULED FOR PENN AVENUE IN SINKING SPRING

Repaving follows last year's \$2.5 million water main replacement project

WYOMISSING, Pa. (March 3, 2017) – Pennsylvania American Water today announced plans to start final paving work along Penn Avenue in Sinking Spring Borough to restore the lanes where the company replaced aging water main last year.

Starting Tuesday, March 7, crews will repave Penn Avenue beginning at the intersection of Wynnewood Avenue to Cacoosing Avenue. Construction is scheduled for weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and two lanes of traffic will remain open in each direction. The second phase of repaving between Cacoosing and Mull Avenues will switch to overnight hours to minimize traffic disruptions. Overnight construction is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Eastbound traffic will be restricted to one lane.

The concrete paving restoration is expected to last four weeks, weather permitting. Motorists are urged to allow for additional time when traveling in the area. Traffic delays within the construction zone are likely.

“Penn Avenue is a state road, which requires a PENNDOT permit that sets the work hours,” said Brian Hassinger, superintendent of operations for Pennsylvania American Water. “For the public’s and workers’ safety, please use extra caution and obey all signs and the flaggers who will provide traffic control.”

Last year, Pennsylvania American Water installed nearly 4,200 feet of eight-inch and 12-inch ductile iron pipe along Penn Avenue. The company replaced aging pipe dating back to the 1950s and installed nine fire hydrants as part of the approximately \$2.5 million project to improve service reliability, prevent water outages and enhance fire protection.

“When paving restoration is completed, it will mark the end of one of the largest capital improvements that Pennsylvania American Water has ever carried out in Berks County,” said Hassinger. He noted the company invested more than \$24 million in capital improvements in its Berks County water systems between 2010 and 2016.

Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.3 million people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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