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Dooker's Hollow Bridge to Close on October 12 for Replacement

PITTSBURGH – The Department of Public Works announced today that the Dooker's Hollow Bridge, which carries Bell Avenue in North Braddock Borough and Center Street in East Pittsburgh Borough over O'Connell Boulevard, will be replaced. The bridge will close starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020. Intermittent closures of O'Connell Boulevard will occur starting in late fall. The project is expected to last until December 2021. It includes removal of the existing bridge and construction of a new one, including installation of new pavement, drainage, and lighting.

Bell Avenue and Center Street traffic will be [detoured](#) using Jones Avenue, Baldrige Avenue, Sixth Street, Yost Boulevard, Ardmore Boulevard (Route 30). O'Connell Boulevard traffic will be detoured using Brinton Avenue, Main Street, and Braddock Avenue.

Residents living on Bell Avenue, Center Street, and O'Connell Boulevard will have access to their homes at all times.

To aid pedestrians, a free shuttle service that follows the Bell Avenue/Center Street detour route will be provided. It will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Passengers will be able to board at the intersection of Bell Avenue and Jones Avenue as well as the intersection of Center Street and Ardmore Boulevard (Route 30). Pickups will occur at least once every 30 minutes.

The Dooker's Hollow Bridge, which opened in 1940, carries 2,415 vehicles daily. The existing structure is a 635-foot arched cantilever truss bridge. The new one will be a 660-foot steel girder bridge.

The \$9.95 million project is being done by Allison Park Contractors, Inc. of Gibsonia.

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