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Start of Dooker's Hollow Bridge Closure Delayed Until October 19

PITTSBURGH – The Department of Public Works announced today the start of the Dooker's Hollow Bridge closure has been delayed to better accommodate the schedule of both Public Works and its contractor. The bridge, which carries Bell Avenue in North Braddock Borough and Center Street in East Pittsburgh Borough over O'Connell Boulevard, is now expected to close beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Intermittent closures of O'Connell Boulevard are still expected to start in late fall, and the project is still expected to last until December 2021.

The project includes removal of the existing bridge and construction of a new one, including installation of new pavement, drainage, and lighting.

Once the bridge is closed, Bell Avenue and Center Street traffic will be [detoured](#) using Jones Avenue, Baldrige Avenue, Sixth Street, Yost Boulevard, Ardmore Boulevard (Route 30). When O'Connell Boulevard is closed, 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 starting on October 19. 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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