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Open House to Kick off Lafayette Street Reconstruction through Norristown

Norristown, PA (Jan. 17, 2018) – Montgomery County and Norristown municipal officials will be hosting an open house to discuss the impact and construction plans as the Lafayette Street Expansion Project moves through Norristown. The Open House will be held in Council’s Meeting Room in the Norristown Municipal Building, 235 East Airy St., beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 17, followed by a presentation at 5 p.m. and a question and answer session.

Notifications have been given to all properties along Lafayette Street between Barbadoes and Ford streets. A Spanish language translator will be available during the Open House.

PROJECT DETAILS:

- The Lafayette Street Extension Project is a multi-phase project designed to improve access to Norristown and Plymouth Township, and to spur economic development in and around Norristown, the Montgomery County seat of government.
- Past roadway expansions, including the PA Turnpike, I-76 and I-476, all skirted around Norristown and offered no convenient access to the regional highway network.
- Phase 1 was the new multilane roadway that connects to existing Lafayette Street at Ford Street.
- Phase 2 was the reconstruction/relocation of Conshohocken Road and reconstruction of the area between Ridge Pike and the Phase 1 construction.
- Phase 3 will reconstruct Lafayette Street between Barbadoes Street and Ford Street (details below)
- Phase 4 of the project is the new PA Turnpike interchange.

PHASE 3 INCLUDES:

- Reconstruction of Lafayette Street between Barbadoes Street and Ford Street including upgraded traffic signals and stormwater management;
- Relocation of the Schuylkill River Trail and a new connection to the Chester Valley Trail at the Freight House at DeKalb & Lafayette Streets;
- Pedestrian accommodations at the Norristown Transportation Center;

- Widening of Lafayette Street east of Walnut Street to four lanes;
- Replacement of the Saw Mill Run culvert;
- Creation of a linear park along the Schuylkill River Trail;
- Connection to the new Lafayette Street east of Ford Street.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Mont. Co./FHWA/PennDOT/Gannett Fleming Inc./Allan Myers/JBC Associates/Pennoni Associates

CONSTRUCTION COST:

- \$19,515,515.00

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION DATES:

- Start – January 16, 2018
- Completion – Fall 2020