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West 7th Street Bridge in Chester to Close for Reconstruction

Delaware County Council announced that reconstruction of the West 7th Street Bridge in Chester over the Chester Creek will begin Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Built in 1920, the two-span steel through girder bridge carries a two-lane highway and sidewalks over Chester Creek between Penn Street and Sproul Street. The bridge is scheduled to be demolished and replaced with a single span similar in construction to the existing bridge stretching 180 feet in length.

Approval of the \$5.4 million project between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County was formalized at Delaware County Council's public meeting on July 11, 2018.

JD Eckman of Atglen is the general contractor on the project, which is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds. Barring unforeseen developments, construction on the county-owned West 7th Street Bridge is expected to be completed in May 2020.

During construction, all traffic will be detoured. Vehicular traffic will be detoured through East and West 9th Street via Avenue of the States and Barclay Street. Pedestrian traffic will be detoured through West 6th Street via Penn Street and Sproul Street. Motorists and pedestrians should allow extra time when travelling through the area. Detour signage will be installed at the onset of the project.

Delaware County Council and PennDOT remind motorists they visit www.511pa.com or call 511 to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.