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SPRING MOUNT ROAD BRIDGE CLOSING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DUE TO BRIDGE DAMAGE

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today is closing the Spring Mount Road Bridge over the Perkiomen Creek in Lower Frederick and Upper Salford townships, Montgomery County, due to a large hole in the wall of the stone masonry structure.

Spring Mount Road through traffic will be detoured over Schwenksville Road/Park Avenue and Main Street (Rte. 29/73). Local access on Spring Mount Road will be maintained up to the bridge.

PennDOT District Bridge Engineer Henry Berman said the bridge is being closed in the interest of public safety. "This hole in the wing wall, which supports the road approaching the stone arch bridge, compromises the bridge's structural integrity and we cannot allow citizens to travel over the bridge until it is repaired," he said. The hole is 15 feet high, eight-feet wide, and six-feet deep.

PennDOT crews will repair the damaged section of the bridge wall, but a completion date has not yet been determined.

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PennDOT plans to open bids in June to replace the six-span stone arch structure that was built in 1869. Construction is expected to begin in the late summer and last approximately 15 months.

The bridge is 202 feet long and 20 feet wide, and carries approximately 4,200 vehicles daily. The bridge was closed for five days back in January 2008 due to large hole which was repaired in another section of the bridge.

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