August 2018 Project Update

Dear Neighbor:

With work on SEPTA’s Elwyn-to-Wawa Service Restoration Project underway, you may be seeing crews working along the track area – removing rail and ties, taking soil boring samples, surveying, and performing other work. The first major phase of work – the replacement of the Lenni Road grade crossing – is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 27.

LENNI ROAD GRADE CROSSING REPLACEMENT –
This work will require Lenni Road to be closed from below Station Lane to below the Chester Creek Trail – 24 hours a day – beginning on Monday, August 27 through mid-November. No night or weekend work related to this phase of the project is anticipated.

In addition to replacing the grade crossing, crews will also re-grade the approaching roadway to improve sightlines. “Road closed” signage announcing the start of work on Monday, August 27 will be posted this Friday, August 10. “Detour” signage will also be posted and follow the detour route that is in place for the current Aqua work.

OTHER WORK –
Over the coming weeks, crews in Work Area 1 (between Baltimore Pike/Route 1 and Lenni Road) will be working along the SEPTA right-of-way removing trees and installing erosion controls. Crews will also be performing additional survey work in Work Area 2 (Lenni Road to Williamson College). Work will be performed Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. No night or weekend work related to this phase of the project is anticipated.

CHESTER CREEK TRAIL –
The Chester Creek Trail will remain open for use. However, the trail will not be accessible from Lenni Road. Lungren Road will be the closest trail access point during the Lenni Road grade crossing construction. Trail users are reminded that no parking is allowed on the SEPTA owned property on Lenni Road – this is for public safety and the safety of crews working in and around the area. SEPTA Police will be monitoring the area and ticketing cars, if necessary.

SAFETY –
We will do our best to inform residents when work will be performed in their neighborhoods; however, residents and Chester Creek Trail users are reminded that the entire 3-mile project area is an active construction zone at all times. For your safety and the safety of construction personnel, please observe all posted construction signage and warnings, and DO NOT trespass on SEPTA property. Also, with detours in place, there will likely be an increase in vehicles on local, residential roads during this time, and we ask you to keep that in mind when walking and driving in the area.

We will continue to provide residents with updates on the project, especially when new phases of construction begin and when significant work begins in a new area. Please email elwyntowawa@septa.org to be added to our email list. The contractor is developing a long-range schedule for the different project phases – including the replacement of the rail bridge over Route 1 and the replacement of the bridge over Lungren Road – and we will share that with you as soon as it is available. Project information and updates will also be posted at: http://septa.org/rebuilding/station/elwyn-wawa.html. Please also do not hesitate to email elwyntowawa@septa.org or call 215-580-8210 with any questions.

Thank you for your patience as SEPTA makes this important infrastructure investment to better serve your community.