

Southbound I-579 Overnight Improvements Continue Next Week in Pittsburgh

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Pittsburgh, PA – PennDOT District 11 is announcing overnight improvement work on southbound I-579 and associated ramps for the I-579 “Cap” Urban Connector project in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, will occur Monday through Thursday nights, August 19-22 weather permitting.

Crews from the Joseph B. Fay Company will conduct overhang and parapet removal work and hang overhead jacks from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. requiring the following restrictions:

- Monday night, August 19 – The southbound I-579 left-hand lane will be restricted.
- Tuesday night, August 20 – The southbound I-579 right-hand lane will be restricted.
- Wednesday night, August 21 – The southbound I-579 right-hand shoulder will be restricted.
- Thursday night, August 22 – The 7th Avenue ramp to southbound I-579 will close to traffic. Motorists will be detoured.

Posted Detours

7th Avenue Ramp to Southbound I-579 (To Boulevard of the Allies/Eastbound I-376 – Cars)

- From 7th Avenue, take Grant Street southbound
- Continue southbound on Grant Street
- Take the ramp to East I-376 toward Monroeville
- End detour

7th Avenue Ramp to Southbound I-579 (To Boulevard of the Allies/Eastbound I-376 – Trucks)

- From 7th Avenue, take Grant Street southbound
- Turn right onto 6th Avenue
- Turn left onto Wood Street
- Turn left onto the Boulevard of the Allies
- Take the ramp to East 376 toward Monroeville
- End detour

7th Avenue Ramp to Southbound I-579 (To Liberty Bridge)

- From 7th Avenue, take Grant Street southbound

- Turn left onto 6th Avenue
- 6th Avenue becomes the Crosstown Boulevard
- Follow Crosstown Boulevard to the Liberty Bridge
- End detour

The work is part of the \$29.34 million project which will consist of the construction of a structure spanning I-579 to link downtown Pittsburgh and the Hill District. In part, the Cap project will create a new three-acre greenspace which will include pedestrian pathways, bicycle routes, rain gardens for stormwater management, and design elements from neighborhood artists. Additional construction activities include retrofitting existing retaining walls and bridges to accommodate the new structure, roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, traffic signals, highway lighting, ITS, and landscaping.

For additional details on the project including information on sustainability, funding, and public input please visit <http://www.pgh-sea.com/LHR-i579cap.htm>

To help keep motorists informed as work progresses, PennDOT has created an email distribution list for I-579 Crosstown Boulevard traffic advisories and construction updates. Enroll by sending email addresses to stcowan@pa.gov. Please write “Subscribe – I-579 Cap Project” in the subject line.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 950 traffic cameras.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

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