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Southbound I-579 Lane Restriction this Weekend in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA – PennDOT District 11 is announcing a lane restriction on southbound I-579 in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, will begin Saturday, March 14 weather permitting.

A single-lane and shoulder closure will occur on southbound I-579 between the Bedford Avenue and Webster Avenue Bridges from 5 a.m. Saturday morning through 5 a.m. Sunday morning. Crews will conduct shoring installation for the footer of a southbound sign structure.

The work is part of the \$29.34 million “Cap” Urban Connector 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. The Joseph B. Fay Company is the prime contractor.

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 ymanyisha@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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