

Route 611 Retaining Wall Project Starting in Northampton County

Route 611 In Williams Township To Be Reduced To A Single Lane

By Sean Brown

Allentown, PA — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 5 announced today work will begin Tuesday, April 1, for a project to repair a retaining



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wall on Route 611 Williams Township, Northampton County.

Starting Tuesday, Route 611 will be reduced to a single lane between Browns Drive and Saylor Lane, with alternating traffic controlled with traffic signals. Motorists are advised to expect delays and only proceed through the area on a green signal. The single lane condition is anticipated to remain in place through the fall of 2025.

The project includes the replacement of the retaining wall supporting Route 611 alongside the Delaware Canal, slope restoration, and reconstruction of the roadway in the area of the newly constructed wall.

The Route 611 retaining wall was built in 1946. Route 611 in this area has an average daily traffic volume of 3,509 vehicles.

PKF-Mark III, Inc. of Newtown, PA is the general contractor on the \$4,148,500 project, which is expected to be complete in September 2026.

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 1,000 traffic cameras.

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Connecting with Students on Mental Health Advocacy

By Rep. Ann Flood

Today, I had the privilege of meeting with a group of high school students in my office at the Capitol. These students are participating in the PA Youth Advocacy Network's Teen Mental Health Advocacy Series, which provides a platform for youth and adults to collaborate and elevate teen voices on mental health issues.



Throughout the series, students develop mental health policy projects, learn about the state policy process, and build essential advocacy skills. As part of their final projects, they shared thoughtful policy recommendations on mental health, and I was impressed by their insights.

The student pictured on my left is from Pen Argyl High School, located in the 138th District and my alma mater. It was a pleasure to hear the student's perspective and see them so actively engaged in advocating for important mental health issues.

Later, they participated in a press conference in the East Wing Auditorium, where the advocacy network emphasized the need for greater attention to mental health.

Thank you for stopping by and sharing your important work with me today!

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