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Detour on McKeesport's Jerome Street Bridge

The next steps in rehabilitating the Jerome Street Bridge in McKeesport are set to begin, and PennDOT District 11 announced details about a detour set beginning today.

District 11 spokesman Steve Cowan said a westbound detour on the Jerome Street (Route 2094/Lysle Boulevard) Bridge over the Youghiogheny River in the City of McKeesport will begin at 7 a.m. today, weather permitting, to allow the next phase of bridge rehabilitation work to begin.

All westbound traffic will be detoured through early November. A single lane of eastbound traffic will be maintained.

Motorists traveling from Lysle Boulevard should turn onto southbound Route 148 (Walnut Street), then take the 15th Street Bridge, which also crosses the Yough. From there, turn left onto River Drive, make another left onto River Road and yet another left onto Rebecca Street. Motorists can then make a quick left on to Ramp No. 1. The ramp can be followed back to West Fifth Avenue, ending the detour.

Trucks should head east on Lysle Boulevard then take the ramp toward East Pittsburgh/Duquesne. While on the ramp, trucks should remain in the left lane and follow signs directing them to Route 837/Duquesne and then cross the McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge. From there, trucks can take the ramp toward South Route 837 toward Dravosburg/Clairton, turn right onto North 885 (Walnut Avenue), which becomes Clairton Road. Turn right onto Lebanon Church Road, which becomes Pittsburgh McKeesport Boulevard. Pittsburgh McKeesport Boulevard eventually becomes Richland Avenue. Trucks can then cross the Mansfield Bridge to end the detour.

Cowan said work is being performed by The Joseph B. Fay Company and that barrier installation and line striping work will occur on Thursday.

The \$15.44 million project is anticipated to conclude in the winter of 2022 and includes a new concrete deck and sidewalk, barrier repairs, full painting, structural steel repairs, concrete substructure repairs, bearing replacement and new expansion dams.

— Jeff Stitt