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PA Turnpike Commission to Hold Community Meeting for Southern Beltway
Turnpike representatives will be available to provide overview of next construction section.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) is moving ahead with the next phase of construction of the Southern Beltway's (Toll 576) U.S. Route 22 to Interstate 79 (I-79) Project. An upcoming community meeting will detail the next section of work (55-C2-2) taking place in Washington County, which extends approximately one mile along I-79 in Cecil Township.

The community meeting will be held:

Oct. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn
Pittsburgh/Southpointe
1000 Corporate Dr.
Canonsburg, PA 15317

PTC representatives and contracted specialists will be available to discuss future detours, blasting zones and additional construction-related information about the 55-C2-2 section, which is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2020.

The \$23.6 million contract for this section was awarded to Independence Excavating, which has its office in Cheswick, Allegheny County. The work includes two bridges to be built; one over I-79 and the other over the Southern Beltway. More details pertaining to the scope of work will be announced at the community meeting on Oct. 2, which will be an open-house style format.

Independence Excavating is familiar with the Southern Beltway as it is constructing the 55-A1 section situated in Robinson Township, Washington County. The 55-A1 section is slated to be completed in mid-2019.

CDR Maguire Inc. of Pittsburgh is managing the construction of this entire project, which includes nine construction sections at a total estimated cost of \$800 million. This project requires the management firm to provide cost, schedule and quality control while complying with all PTC, state and federal highway construction requirements.

The 13 miles of Southern Beltway currently being constructed will extend from the southern terminus of the existing, six-mile section called the Findlay Connector, which opened in 2006, to an interchange with I-79 near the Washington-Allegheny County line. The entire 19-mile Southern Beltway is expected to open to traffic in 2021 and will connect I-79 to I-376 at the Pittsburgh International Airport. To learn more, visit https://www.patpconstruction.com/southern_beltway/.

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