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May 12, 2020

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RE: Newtown Rail Trail Update

Dear Neighbor:

We hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, The Bucks County Commissioners, in cooperation with Upper Southampton Township, have authorized the construction of a multi-use County rail trail along the SEPTA-owned land behind your property.

In earlier communications and open houses, we expressed our intent on keeping you informed of the latest progress relative to the ongoing development of the trail. The purpose of this letter is to let you know that on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, after a competitive bidding process, the Bucks County Commissioners signed a resolution awarding a contract, in the amount of \$2,349,580.25, to James D. Morrissey, Philadelphia, PA, to construct the Newtown Rail Trail. Construction will be funded via tax dollars allocated to PennDOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) specifically to fund trail projects on The Circuit. <http://www.circuittrails.org>

We are in the process of establishing our preconstruction meeting with the contractor and will be requesting a timeline outlining key dates relative to construction that we will then share with you. We anticipate construction to start in June 2020. Pennoni Associates, a Philadelphia-based engineering firm, will be overseeing the construction management of the trail on a daily basis.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you currently have personal property located within the SEPTA boundary, to please ensure that these items are removed as soon as possible. Bucks County Planning Commission staff conducted a field view visit of the corridor in December, 2018, to review existing conditions and subsequently sent letters to those property owners who appeared to have items within the SEPTA boundary. If these items are not removed prior to the start of construction, they will be considered to be abandoned and subject to removal during the trail construction process.

Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning, Bucks County Planning Commission, at 215-345-3427 or rgbrahler@buckscounty.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Stone", written over a white background.

Evan J. Stone, PLA
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