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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Parker Street Bridge to Close March 27, Detour Planned

SCRANTON, PA – Beginning Monday, March 27, and continuing into December 2024, a section of Parker Street in North Scranton will be closed for a long-planned bridge replacement project. Residents and drivers are advised of an approximately 3.5-mile, 10-minute detour between Boulevard Avenue and North Main Avenue.

According to information from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Parker Street Bridge Replacement is one in a package of four bridge replacements that comprise the Scranton Local Bridge Project. The bridge, built in 1964, is currently restricted to one lane of traffic due to deterioration of the bridge superstructure.

A PennDOT Bridge Conditions Report retrieved March 20, 2024, shows the Parker Street Bridge is one of 15 rated in poor condition within the city of Scranton and one of 34 rated poor throughout Lackawanna County. Of the 15 City bridges rated poor, the Parker Street and Elm Street Bridge over the Lackawanna River near South Washington Street are in the worst condition with deck and superstructure conditions of both bridges rated 2, or critical condition.

Other bridges in the Scranton Local Bridge Project, all of which are rated poor, are:

- the West Lackawanna Avenue Bridge between 7th and 9th Avenues;
- the East Elm Street Bridge between 3rd and Wyoming Avenues; and
- the North Main Avenue Bridge between Marvine Avenue and Watkins Street.

Per a map provided by Susquehanna Valley Construction Corporation of New Cumberland, Pa., the detour between Boulevard Avenue and North Main Avenue will reroute drivers approximately 1.7 miles coming from either direction to where Boulevard and North Main meet in Dickson City, in the area near Steve Pronko Jewelers and the Happy Valley Sports Bar. The detour is expected to be in place approximately 329 days, according to information provided to the City.

ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON: Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 76,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit www.scrantonpa.gov.

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