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Montgomery County Reopens Fetter's Mill Bridge

Norristown, PA (April 5, 2013) – The Montgomery County Commissioners this week announced that the Fetter's Mill bridge over the Pennypack Creek between Lower Moreland and Bryn Athyn has been re-opened.

The bridge, which has been closed since October 26 for safety reasons, is scheduled to be rebuilt beginning in late 2014.

Recognizing that the bridge closing had caused an adverse impact on the local community, the commissioners directed the county Department of Assets and Infrastructure to investigate temporary options to reopen the bridge. After exploring multiple options, Ken Starr, director of Assets and Infrastructure, reported back to the commissioners that a solution had been found, but the bridge's weight limit would have to be lowered.

“Working diligently with our engineers, our Department of Assets and Infrastructure was able to determine that repairs could be made to re-open the bridge with a three-ton weight limit,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the commissioners.

The bridge opened Thursday and will be inspected every six months until permanent construction begins late next year. The three-ton limit means that only one car can traverse the bridge at a time and that no trucks, buses or emergency vehicles will be able to use the bridge.

Shapiro said he was hopeful the bridge could remain open until construction begins next year, but said there was no guarantee.