

Riverside Drive "Narrows" update

A site meeting was conducted yesterday at State Route 2014/Riverside Drive (AKA Narrows) to discuss plans to excavate the roadway to see what is underneath to be able to come up with options for repairs.

Attendees included staff from PennDOT and Norfolk Southern Rail Road.

The PennDOT maintenance staff anticipates performing preliminary excavation work on or around July 7th. All work will be done during railroad track outage windows, 2 hours in AM and 4 hours in PM. The Norfolk Southern Rail Road will assist the PennDOT Northampton County Maintenance forces.

First they will attempt to break-up the concrete wall and then drop the wall down to the bottom of the slope. Norfolk Southern, with the use of their log picker machine, will pick up the pieces of the concrete wall and move them to another location.

PennDOT maintenance will then peel back the roadway and excavate down to see what is underneath, and use that information to determine what possible fixes can be done to restore the roadway.

While at the site, they noticed a hole has opened up in the roadway surface in this location, most likely due to the recent rain events (see attached photo).

Norfolk Southern is being very cooperative and willing to assist in any way possible.

On a side note, yesterday they noticed another large washout onto the roadway (same location as when Ivan hit). A large amount of sediment, rock, etc. washed onto the roadway from the uphill side of the mountain. The roadway surface is also slightly buckled.

Regards,

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