

# Rep. Jack Rader Column

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## **Numerous Infrastructure Improvements Set for Monroe County**

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In your travels this summer, I am sure you have noticed a great deal of road construction taking place in Monroe County and throughout the Commonwealth. This is resulting from increased funding for infrastructure which is enabling the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to speed up a process of repairing and rebuilding roads and bridges at a renewed pace.

I am pleased to report Monroe County has a number of projects already underway through the remainder of this year and more scheduled in 2016.

One of the main arteries running through Monroe County is, of course, Interstate 80. I am hopeful that more federal funding will be directed toward improving that main thoroughfare that leads to the nation from coast to coast.

The following is a list of projects that are now underway, and some coming next year. The 2016 list is only partial as there are plans to be announced later on:

### **State Route 940 Bridge over Davey Run Replacement Project. This is a public private partnership (P3), through October 2015.**

- Replacement project of State Route 940 bridge over Davey Run in Tobyhanna Township.
- Location: State Route 940 between Onocop Drive and Robyn Lane.

### **State Route 715 over McMichaels Creek Bridge Replacement Project (a P3), now through September 2015.**

- Bridge replacement project on State Route 715 over McMichaels Creek Bridge in Chestnuthill Twp.
- Location: State Route 715 between Idlewood Drive and Effort Neola Road.

### **Safety Improvement Project on U.S. Route 209 and Business Route 209 through September 2015.**

- The project includes high-friction surface treatment at various locations, shoulder reconstruction, new signing and pavement markings, vegetation removal and other miscellaneous construction work.

- Business Route 209 between Valhalla Drive and Airport Road, and U.S. Route 209 between Mt. Nebo Road and Municipal Drive; U.S. Route 209 between Frable Road and Lesh Road; and U.S. 209 between Gilbert Road and Leslie Drive.

#### **U.S. Route 209 and State Route 715 Intersection Improvements through December 2015.**

- The project includes widening the intersection to establish turning lanes including: a left turning lane with turning arrow from U.S. Route 209 north to State Route 715 north; left turning lane from U.S. Route 209 south to a driveway; and right turning lane with turning arrow from State Route 715 south to U.S. Route 209 south. It also includes replacing and upgrading the existing traffic signal, sidewalk construction and other miscellaneous construction.
- Location: Intersection of U.S. Route 209 and State Route 715 in Chestnuthill Township.

#### **Silver Spring Boulevard over Chapple Creek, late 2016.**

- This project involves the rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge that carries Silver Spring Boulevard over Chapple Creek in Eldred Township.

#### **Molasses Valley Road Paving: 2015-16.**

- 1.86 miles between Silver Spring Boulevard and Fiddletown Road in Eldred and Polk townships.

#### **State Route 611 Paving through October 2015.**

- 2.8 miles between Railroad Bridge Overpass near Fork Street and State Route 940 in Mt Pocono Borough.

#### **Golden Slipper Road Paving: May – September 2016**

- 4 miles between Appenzell Creek and State Route 611 in Jackson and Pocono townships.

#### **Locust Ridge Road Paving: May – September 2016**

- 4.8 miles between State Route 940 and King Street in Tobyhanna and Coolbaugh townships.

#### **State Route 940 Paving: July – October 2016**

- 6 miles between Mt. Pocono Borough and State Route 191 in Mt. Pocono, Coolbaugh, Paradise, and Tobyhanna Townships.

### **State Route 611 Scotrun – Swiftwater, 2016 Contract Bidding**

- This safety improvement project that will widen the roadway to allow for turning lanes at specific locations throughout the corridor. It will improve the safety of the roadway by taking the turning traffic out of the passing lane into a designated turning lane. A traffic signal will be installed at the Brookdale Road intersection with State Route 611. The bridge near Pangea Restaurant will be replaced with a reinforced concrete box culvert.
- Four-lane section of State Route 611 beginning just south of Shine Hill Road extending north to just south of the State Routes 611/314 intersection in Pocono and Paradise townships.

As always, if you have questions about this, or any other state-related issue, please contact one of my offices. You can reach my Pocono Pines office at (570) 643-7683, or the office in Effort, which you can reach at (570) 620-4341. In addition, visit my website at [RepRader.com](http://RepRader.com).