



## **Public Meeting to be Held on Status of Arcola Road Bridge**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** (*August 1, 2013*) – The Montgomery County Commissioners and staff of the county Department of Assets and Infrastructure will hold a public meeting on August 12, 2013 to discuss the current situation with the Arcola Road Bridge over the Perkiomen Creek. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Arcola Intermediate School auditorium, 4001 Eagleville Road, Eagleville.

The discussion will include future inspections of the bridge, potential closing, proposed replacement schedule and resultant detours.

The Arcola Road Bridge, built in 1931, is slated to be replaced in a joint effort by the Federal Highway Administration, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Montgomery County, funded 80%, 15% and 5%, respectively. Preliminary design for the bridge is complete, and it is now undergoing final design.

The current bridge will be replaced with a modern bridge that meets current PennDOT design standards for capacity and safety, and will accommodate pedestrians crossing the bridge on foot. In order to complete the replacement, the bridge will be required to close for 15 to 18 months. During this time, a detour will be in place to divert traffic.

The bridge currently has a 3-ton posting based on inspection findings in February 2103. If the bridge continues to deteriorate at its current rate, it will ultimately be closed to traffic prior to the start of construction.

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