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Cumberland County's Sample Bridge Opens to Vehicular Traffic

Bridge will remain open to pedestrian traffic until 2 p.m. after ribbon cutting.

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners and Silver Spring Township Supervisors today cut the ribbon on the new Sample Bridge, continuing the more than 161 year tradition of bridging connections from the north to south in Silver Spring Township. Sample Bridge will remain open to pedestrian traffic until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 14, when it opens to vehicular traffic.

Construction of the new Sample Bridge, which crosses the Conodoguinet Creek, began in April 2020. It has two 11 foot lanes, two 4 foot shoulders, and a 5 foot pedestrian sidewalk on the north side of the bridge. The new bridge has no weight restrictions, and carries approximately 800 vehicles per day.

“This new bridge provides a safe venue for residents traversing to the north and south of Silver Spring Township, improves our emergency responders ability to serve the community, and allows residents to safely bike or walk with the installation of a pedestrian sidewalk,” said Cumberland County Planning Director Kirk Stoner. “This replacement is one of many county-owned bridges that are being replaced due to age and wear.”

The first Sample Bridge, built in 1860, was a 174 foot Long burr arch-truss covered bridge. In 1957, a four span steel and concrete bridge replaced the covered bridge. Today Cumberland County owns 28 bridges, nine are jointly owned with York County and eleven that span the Conodoguinet Creek.

“The upgrades to Sample Bridge fulfill needed improvements to the infrastructure, and meet one the township goals of pedestrian access and connectivity to our parks and open spaces,” said Silver Spring Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Carl Machamer. “The new bridge provides a connection to two of our parks with a third park in the near future; while, also adding a sidewalk for safe pedestrian crossing. We are so very thankful to the county commissioners and staff for their commitment and continued investment in Silver Spring Township.”

The total allocation for the project is more than \$4.1 million. Rylind Construction of Mt. Wolf, York County is the construction contractor, and Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, is the county's bridge engineer and designer of this project.

For more information on all bridge construction projects, visit the county's Planning Department webpage at [Project Updates](#).

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