



TPD helps municipalities meet economic challenge of critical infrastructure improvements

POTTSTOWN — The maintenance and expansion of our transportation infrastructure are critical components of a healthy economy, both nationally and locally, where the condition of these systems has a tremendous impact on quality of life and the ability to safely and efficiently transport people and goods.

Working to maintain the safety and capacity of local transportation infrastructure is the primary focus of Traffic Planning and De-

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An example of TPD's commitment to maintaining the effectiveness of the local infrastructure network in a fiscally responsible manner is the firm's assistance to Montgomery and Chester counties in maintaining the use of the Keim Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River.

Originally built in 1868 and rebuilt in 1938, the bridge is a 749-foot, 8-Span Riveted Steel Pony Truss Structure, which provides a

vital Schuylkill River crossing. This aging structure is in need of critical repairs to maintain its function as an important transportation link for the region.

A costly in-depth replacement/rehabilitation of this structure will be necessary in the future, which will utilize federal, state, and local funds, and will take a few years to design and construct. In the meantime, TPD's work with Montgomery and Chester counties enables this structure to remain safely in

service while long-term plans are finalized.

In the current economic climate, funds to complete such large infrastructure improvements are limited. As a means to meet budget limitations, as well as ensure the safety of the traveling public, Montgomery and Chester counties identified the need to embark upon preventive maintenance repairs to maintain the structure's safe use. Such measures are expected to include deck

and sidewalk repairs, substructure repairs and the addition of scour control measures, all of which will help extend the life of the bridge's costly critical components and will meet the needs of both Montgomery and Chester Counties until the replacement/rehabilitation of the entire structure is designed and constructed.

Since 1989, TPD has continually demonstrated a commitment to promoting progress throughout the Pottstown region.

From PA offices in Pottstown, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and the Lehigh Valley, and a NJ office on the Camden Waterfront, TPD's 135 members specialize in transportation planning, highway and traffic signal design, bridge design and inspection, environmental permitting, and construction management and inspection services for municipal, state (DOT), and private clients.

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