

## **Derry Township-PennDOT Park Avenue (SR 743)-Chocolate Avenue (US 422) Project**

**Project Description:** This project is planned to make highway improvements to portions of SR 0743 (Cocoa Ave. and Park Ave.) and SR 0422 (Chocolate Ave.) in downtown Hershey, PA ([See Map](#)). The following is a list of the major improvements made as part of this project:

- Cocoa Ave. will be realigned beginning at the Cocoa Ave. / Caracas Ave. intersection and ending at Chocolate Ave. This will reduce the number of intersections from two to one in this area.
- Park Ave. will be realigned beginning at the Park Ave. / Chocolate Ave. intersection and ending at the ZooAmerica parking lot entrance.
- A new bridge will be constructed east of the existing bridge to span over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The existing bridge will be removed once this construction is finished.
- Park Boulevard (T-591) will be extended east to meet with the relocated Park Ave. roadway.
- New traffic signals will be installed at the Chocolate Ave. / Park Ave. intersection. Once the project is complete, only one signal will be used to control traffic in this area.
- Streetscape enhancements including:
  - Historic period style signal poles and standards at the intersection
  - Textured cross walks
  - Landscaping
  - Low level lighting in the median area
  - Decorative fencing and railing
  - Architectural coatings and stains on new concrete walls, and abutments

- Pedestrian mobility will be enhanced. Some of these new features include:
  - New sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps.
  - A new pedestrian underpass will be constructed underneath the Park Ave. roadway.
  - A new pedestrian underpass will be constructed underneath the Chocolate Ave. roadway.

**Project Cost and Funding:** The expected construction cost is approximately \$10.5 million that will be funded by federal, state, and local funds.

**Project Schedule:** Construction will begin during the summer of 2010 and continue for approximately 24 months.