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## **PENNDOT AWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY CONTRACT TO IMPROVE PA 33 IN MONROE COUNTY**

**ALLENTOWN** – PennDOT Engineering District 5 today announced the award of a contract to improve PA 33 in Hamilton, Ross and Stroud townships, Monroe County. The contract is financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

PennDOT awarded James D. Morrissey, Inc. of Philadelphia, the \$7,577,907 contract to improve PA 33 between PA 611 and the Northampton County line.

The project calls for concrete patching, shoulder upgrades, and resurfacing PA 33 between US 209 and approximately two miles north of the Northampton County line.

The project also includes new median guiderail and drainage improvements at locations along PA 33 between PA 611 and the Northampton County line. Also included is the rehabilitation of the PA 33 Bridge over Cherry Valley Road, including bridge deck repairs, approach slab replacement, deck joint rehabilitation, and substructure repairs.

This is a design-build project. Design-build is a project delivery system where the design and construction aspects are contracted with a single entity, in this case James D. Morrissey, Inc. Construction is expected to begin at some point over the next several months.

Within the six-county District 5 region, PennDOT will invest \$122 million of federal economic recovery funds on 23 transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements and Intelligent Transportation System installations.

To learn more about how the federal economic recovery will benefit Pennsylvania, visit [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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