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**PENNDOT AWARDS I-279 FORT DUQUESNE BRIDGE
PRESERVATION PROJECT**
Second ARRA Transportation Project in Allegheny County

Pittsburgh – PennDOT Engineering District 11 announced today that the contract for the Interstate 279 Fort Duquesne Bridge Preservation Project, the second American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project to begin in Allegheny County, was awarded on June 24.

The \$23,372,232 contract was awarded to the Trumbull Corporation of West Mifflin for the project to preserve the Fort Duquesne Bridge and various ramps in the City of Pittsburgh. Construction will begin in early August and conclude in fall 2010.

The Fort Duquesne Bridge preservation project is one of seven projects in PennDOT's three-county District 11 region being funded by ARRA. Statewide, Pennsylvania is receiving more than \$1 billion for highway and bridge projects from the ARRA. The Route 22/30/60 interchange project in Robinson Township was the first ARRA project underway in Allegheny County.

The 921-foot long, five-span steel-tied arch and steel multi-girder Fort Duquesne Bridge carries I-279 over the Allegheny River. The bridge opened to traffic in 1959 and typically carries approximately 41,576 vehicles in the northbound (upper deck) direction and 39,380 in the southbound (lower deck) direction each day.

The preservation project includes improvements on 16 bridge and ramp structures interchanging with the Fort Duquesne Bridge. Work includes latex overlays, spot/zone painting,

steel repairs, expansion dam replacements, concrete deck and substructure repairs, resetting rocker bearings, signing and pavement markings and other miscellaneous improvements. Various lane closures, detours and restrictions will occur during construction. Additional information will be released as the project progresses.

To learn more about how the federal economic stimulus will benefit Pennsylvania, visit www.recovery.pa.gov.

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