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Media Advisory

ALTERNATE ROUTES DUE TO FLOODING TODAY & TOMORROW
ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE and PENGUINS GAME

PITTSBURGH –PennDOT has notified the PBP that I-376 West (Parkway) will be closed at 2PM due to flooding. As a result of the flooding there may be closures tomorrow that will affect those coming to the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Pens Game scheduled for 2PM. Those attending the St. Patrick's Days festivities and/or the Pens Game are encouraged to follow alternate routes and pack patience as travelers will likely encounter traffic congestion.

PennDOT will have Highway Advisory Radio and Variable Message Boards activated to assist motorists.

For those motorists **NOT** traveling into the City but to points West should follow the listed alternate route:

- Motorists travelling on I-376 West should exit onto the Blvd. of the Allies and travel toward the Liberty Bridge through the Liberty Tunnels, exit the Tunnels and make a right on to Rt. 51 North (Saw Mill Run Blvd.) back to I-376 West (follow signs).
- Motorists with intentions to use the Ft. Pitt Bridge should use this same alternate route.

For those motorists traveling into the City or points toward the North Shore, North Side, Casino etc. should follow the listed alternate route:

- Motorists traveling the Parkway East into the City should exit Grant Street, make a left onto Ft. Pitt Blvd., and continue onto the Ft. Duquesne Bridge and follow signs.

- If traveling to the west end part of W. Carson or to the West End, take the Stanwix Street exit to the Ft. Pitt Bridge toward the tunnels but exit to the right (DO NOT ENTER TUNNELS) onto PA-837 onto Carson Street towards the West End.
- If traveling to the Southside make a left onto the Smithfield Street Bridge crossing over into the Southside (Carson Street).

On March 11, 2011 at 2:00PM until 6:00PM, PBP Traffic Officers will be posted at these locations to help alleviate some of the traffic congestion due to the flooded areas.

- Blvd of the Allies & Grant Street
- Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Grant Street
- Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Smithfield Street
- Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Market
- Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Wood Street
- Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Stanwix Street

The PBP strongly encourages everyone to pack patience and leave early as we all try to maneuver through the inclement weather conditions with the least amount of frustration.

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