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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PHASE ONE ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR CULVERT COMPLETED**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 8, 2023

The Cumberland County Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Route 609 detour, Bridgeton-Fairton Road/Grove Street/South Avenue in Fairfield Township and the City of Bridgeton has been modified temporarily to allow for a shorter trip for the thousands of people that travel this route.

Grove Street is now two ways to Baltimore Avenue. Travelers then make a right turn onto Baltimore Avenue and then a left hand turn to return to the regular traffic pattern on South Avenue into Bridgeton.

Commission Director Douglas Albrecht states “This change was requested by the residents of the Townships in southeast Cumberland County and more importantly by the Emergency Medical Service providers from those Townships that provide aid and assistance to Bridgeton in medical and fire emergencies. This change allows them to respond to those emergencies more quickly”

Commission Deputy Director Antonio Romero states “Changes and modifications were made in about a month. We want to thank all the hardworking employees of the county, the County Engineer and the County contractors for making sure this project was achieved in a prompt manner not often seen in government action.”

The Cumberland County Commissioners remain committed to repairing the failed culvert on Route 609 in Bridgeton at Rocap’s Run. The county has filed and applied for all the federal and state permits to complete this project. They are working with State Senators Michael Testa and Edward Durr, Congressman Jeff Van Drew and other state and local officials to expedite those permits so the Rocap’s Run Culvert Project may be completed as soon as possible. We are confident these repairs will provide permanent safe solutions for those who travel through it.