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PennDOT postpones paving project in Easton area

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The start of a nearly six-mile paving project that will run from College Avenue in Easton and continue north to Sullivan Trail through Forks Township and into Stockertown has been pushed back to mid-September.

The state Department of Transportation initially forecast the work would be done between the end of July and mid-September, but PennDOT spokesman Ron Young said several projects that will affect the paving route have not been completed.

Among the projects are road improvements on Sullivan Trail associated with the Townes at Sullivan Trail development in Forks and at the Sullivan Trail Business Park at Sullivan Trail and Uhler Road, also in Forks.

"We don't want to come through and pave and have [developers] rip up the new paving," Young said.

Underground utility work is wrapping up on Easton's Cattell Street, also part of the paving route. Easton crews have completed replacements of manhole frames, fire hydrants, water line valves and storm-water catch basins. UGI crews are replacing natural gas lines in the 400 block of Cattell Street, but UGI marketing manager Anthony Cox said that work should be completed this week.

The state said it was hopeful the road improvements will be finished by mid-September so the paving work can be done this year. Young said there is a possibility the paving could be pushed into next year. The \$843,485 contract for the job has been awarded to Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, a company with an office in Forks.

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