PHL Installs New Pedestrian Safety Systems on Arrivals Road

PHILADELPHIA – To enhance the safety needs of guests walking along Arrivals Road, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) has begun installing pedestrian safety systems for crosswalks, improving pedestrian’s curb ramps and replacing temporary bus shelters on Arrivals Road, North Commercial Road and South Commercial Road.

The safety improvements include:
- Installation of in-road warning light systems at 21 crosswalks along Arrivals Road
- Installation of 12 flashing pedestrian crossing signs on South Commercial Road
- Renewal of pedestrian curb ramps to meet current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Replacement of temporary bus shelters along South Commercial Road with new permanent structures.

Construction on Arrivals Road, North and South Commercial Roads will continue through December 20th. There will be no roadway construction Thanksgiving week, November 26-December 3.

During construction, drivers using these roads should anticipate lane closures and allow for extra time when traveling through PHL.

“These enhancements will create safer conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike,” said Api Appulingam, PHL Deputy Director of Aviation, Capital Development. “We know that construction and lane closures at the airport are not easy to deal with, especially during busy travel times. We thank our guests for their patience as we work to make an even better PHL.”

The project’s design is in accordance with the safety standards of the Federal Highway Administration, Uniform Vehicle Code, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, ADA Standards for Accessible Design, and PennDOT.
Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated $16.8 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 106,000 jobs.