



DIVISION of PENN TRAFFIC CO.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Marc Jampole
Jampole Communications, Inc.
412-471-2463

BILO LOSES LEASE ON NATRONA HEIGHTS STORE AND WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 1

DuBois, Pennsylvania, October 1, 2005 --- The Penn Traffic Company today announced that it was closing its BiLo store on 4011 Freeport Road in Natrona Heights on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

“We did not want to close the Natrona Heights BiLo, which we have operated successfully for decades, but we have been in the store without a lease on month-to-month terms since November, 2001 and our landlord has informed us that the building we occupy is going to be demolished early next year,” said John MacIntyre, General Manager of BiLo/Riverside, a division of Penn Traffic.

According to MacIntyre, Penn Traffic had the option of remaining until the end of the year but decided to close the store before the holiday season. “It is very difficult from an operations standpoint to close a supermarket during or just after the holiday season,” said MacIntyre. “In addition, it will be easier for the 26 employees of the store to find other jobs either in Penn Traffic or in another supermarket before and during the holiday season than after it.”

Virtually all of the employees are in United Food & Commercial Workers Local 23 and will be able to bump into jobs in other BiLo stores if they want to and have the needed seniority.

“We want to thank all of our customers for their loyalty through the years,” said MacIntyre. “We have been a part of the Natrona Heights community for a long time. It has been a pleasure for everyone at BiLo and Penn Traffic to serve Natrona Heights.”

The Penn Traffic Company operates 110 supermarkets in Pennsylvania, central and upstate New York, Vermont and New Hampshire under the Quality, BiLo, and P&C trade names. Penn Traffic also operates a wholesale food distribution business serving 79 licensed franchises and 41 independent operators.

#####

closenatrona msj