

B&P Tunnel Replacement

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WEST BALTIMORE MARC STATION



Construction Notification

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We are committed to delivering this Program with your safety as our top priority.

Upcoming Activities

Construction Activity on N Payson Street

As part of the B&P Tunnel Replacement Program, increased construction activities are happening on the 700, 900 and 1000 blocks of N Payson St. In the coming weeks, crews will begin a series of activities including:

Installing:

- temporary noise walls to reduce noise levels during construction
- safety and regulatory monitoring systems and instrumentation
- a temporary 2-inch water line along the east side of the 900 block
- permanent 30-inch and 8-inch water lines

- support-of-excavation systems to facilitate deep utility construction (deep bench marking)

- 126-inch pipes for constructing a storm drain system

Relocating:

- essential utilities on the 700 block

To safely accommodate this work, daily roadway closures will be required between W Lafayette Ave and Mosher St, and the Alley between Mosher St and Riggs Ave, transitioning to a full 24/7 closure of this area on or about February 3, 2026. These closures will also result in parking restrictions and modified access to nearby residential properties. Crews will place signage indicating any closures and restrictions (parking) with at least 72 hours' notice. Residents and visitors are advised to follow posted signage carefully to avoid towing.

Completed Activities

Deep Bench Mark

As of Monday January 19th, 2026 the MTA light rail service has been fully restored. Deep bench mark work installing reference points below ground used to monitor ground movement during construction to help ensure the nearby infrastructure remains safe throughout the project area, and resulting in the temporary suspension of MTA light rail service in the area has now been completed.

Ongoing Activities

W Mulberry St closed between N Warwick Ave and N Smallwood St

To prepare for the construction of the new railroad bridge over W Mulberry St, crews have closed the section of W Mulberry St between N Warwick Ave and N Smallwood St. Travelers are encouraged to avoid the area unless needed and to download Waze to determine the best route to detour around the closure. This closure is expected to be in place until mid-2027.

Crews are performing roadway excavation and manhole work along W Mulberry St between N Warwick Ave and N Smallwood St. This stretch of roadway and sidewalks remains closed

to traffic and pedestrians while work continues. Businesses will remain open during construction.

What to expect for the remainder of the closure:

- Increased presence of construction workers, equipment, and vehicles in the area
- Noise and dust associated with excavation and utility activities
- Traffic detours around the closed roadway and sidewalks
- Long-term detour signage
- Concrete and water-filled traffic dividers
- Closed lanes and detours on W Franklin St
- Repainted road and lane markings
- Modified traffic patterns

Duct Bank Work

Crews continue to work on duct banks in the 1000 block of N Payson St. Please adhere to 'no parking' signage. Residents can expect flaggers and increased construction equipment and crews in the roadway.

McMechen St Activities

Crews continue to perform construction activities along McMechen St near the MTA Light Rail Station. This utility relocation work is in preparation for the tunnel's future north portal and ventilation facility. This work includes roadway utility excavation and installation.

As utility relocation work continues, full access to the North Light Rail Station has been restored at this time. Thank you for your patience while this vital work is being completed.

Users can expect:

- Lane closures, traffic pattern shifts, and flaggers on McMechen St and North Ave
- Heavy equipment and construction crews working on site
- Noise, dust, and debris associated with demolition, excavation, and utility installation activities

Sanitary Sewer Line Installation

Crews have begun installing a sanitary sewer line on the 900 block of N Payson St. While we maintain pedestrian access to homes during construction, there will be periods of time when the sidewalk may be closed. Please use caution when traveling through this area.

Residents can also expect:

- Parking restrictions
- An increase in construction crews, equipment, and noise
- Flaggers directing traffic

N Brice St Activities

Crews have begun streetlight relocation work along N Brice St between W Lafayette Ave and W Lanvale St. Following streetlight work, restoration work will occur to sidewalks, curbs, and the street pavement. Residents can expect noise, dust, and increased construction activity in the area. Expect parking restrictions and pedestrian detours. Please follow posted signage and use caution when traveling through the area.

Water Line Installation

The 2000 block of Rayner Ave, between N Pulaski St and N Payson St, remains closed (except to local traffic) while crews install a 30-inch water line. While we will maintain pedestrian access to homes during construction, there will be periods of time when the sidewalk may be closed.

Construction of the Utility Siphon Tunnel

Crews are continuing work behind the 800 block of Spedden St on the utility siphon – a small tunnel that will relocate existing utilities under the existing Amtrak Northeast Corridor railroad tracks.

- Contractors have installed sound barriers to reduce noise levels during construction and fencing around the perimeter of the construction area
- Contractors have begun to mobilize large equipment to prepare for the siphon excavation
- In addition to daytime construction hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., crews will also be performing night work as needed to progress the work. Residents may notice increased construction activity, including lighting, equipment, and noise during overnight hours.

Erosion and Sediment Controls

To control stormwater flows leaving the construction site, contractors have installed temporary asphalt berms near the intersection of Harlem Ave and N Pulaski St. Travelers are advised to slow travel speeds as they move along these roads.

Other Construction Activities

- Crews continue to survey the area, complete preconstruction inspections, install instrumentation and monitoring devices, complete utility investigations, and work in manholes throughout the Program area
- Work continues on N Pulaski, W Lanvale, W Lexington, W North Ave, and N Brice St, primarily within fenced areas. While much of the activity is not immediately visible to the community, crews remain active throughout these construction zones
- Crews continue excavation for the large storm line behind the 900 block of N Payson St
- Crews are working on the east end of the utility siphon in the 700 block of N Pulaski St within fenced areas

Other Traffic Modifications

- Full road closure of N Pulaski St between W Lafayette Ave and Harlem Ave
- Full road closure (except local traffic) of Rayner Ave between N Pulaski St and N Payson St

We will provide detour signage and/or flaggers to indicate any traffic modifications and help motorists and pedestrians navigate through construction areas

PLEASE NOTE:

*Crews will generally work **Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 5:00pm** unless working extended hours. There may be times when crews will work outside of daytime hours in order to maintain the project schedule. Construction activities are subject to change, and modifications to the schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions. Please use caution when traveling in construction areas.*