

# B&P Tunnel Replacement

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## Construction Notification

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

*Please be advised that construction activities will continue during inclement weather conditions, as work schedules and safety allow. Residents and motorists are asked to continue following all posted parking restrictions, detours, and traffic signage while crews remain active in the area.*

## Upcoming Activities

### Clearing and Grubbing

In the upcoming week, contractors will begin clearing and removing vegetation, including trees, shrubs, brush, roots, stumps, and other materials, to prepare the area for upcoming site work along N Warwick Ave between W Lexington St and W Franklin St. No traffic impacts are expected as a result of this work at this time.

## Utility Surveys

Beginning in mid-February, contractors will survey utilities in preparation for upcoming utility relocations at the intersection of W North Ave and Pennsylvania Ave, as well as along I-83 between Exits 5 and 7. These activities will result in lane modifications and detours. Please follow all posted signage while crews complete this work.

## N Payson St Closure Between Lanvale St and Rayner Ave

Beginning in mid-February, contractors will start waterline replacement work. Crews will temporarily close the 700 block of N Payson St to continue essential utility relocations needed for the project to move forward.

## N Payson St Closure Between W Lafayette Ave and Mosher St

On February 2nd, 2026, contractors will be working on the 900 block of N Payson St. This work is a continuation of activities already underway behind the 900 block, which currently include sewer line, electric duct bank, and waterline work. To complete this vital work and advance the project, crews will need to close N Payson St between W Lafayette Ave and Mosher St. Sound barriers will be installed as part of this work to help reduce construction noise impacts to the surrounding area. Please adhere to all posted no parking signage.

## 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

## Water Line Replacement

Crews continue to install a water line along the east side of the 900 block of N Payson St. While we will maintain pedestrian access to homes during construction, there will be periods of time when sidewalks may be closed to ensure pedestrian safety.

Residents can also expect:

- Road closure of N Payson St between Mosher Ave and W Lafayette Ave
- Impacts to parking on N Payson St during this period
- Additional construction equipment in the work area

## N Brice St Activities

Crews have begun streetlight relocation work along N Brice St between W Lafayette Ave and W Lanvale St. Following the streetlight work, crews will restore sidewalks, curbs, and pavement impacted by construction. 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) as 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.*