

Frederick Douglass Tunnel

B&P TUNNEL REPLACEMENT



Construction Notification

May 4, 2025



Upcoming Activities

Sanitary Sewer Line Installation

This week, crews are scheduled to begin working in the alleyway off of Kirby Ln, between Harlem Ave and Rayner Ave, to install sanitary utility lines. The alley will

remain open during this time. Please use caution when traveling through this area as crew members will be flagging to direct traffic.

Pile Driving and Excavation

This week, crews will begin installing steel sheet pilings to support the areas being excavated (dug) for upcoming utility relocations, weather permitting. Work will occur behind the 700 block of N Pulaski Street.

- Pile driving will take approximately two weeks to complete in this area.
- Residents can expect elevated noise from construction activities and moving equipment, such as jackhammering and equipment backup alerts.

Test Blasting

Test blasting has been rescheduled for mid-May. Crews will begin preparing for drill and blast operations to excavate the utility siphon tunnel. Contractors will complete small, controlled test blasts behind temporary noise walls.

Early Mobilization

Crews will be mobilizing on Lexington Street in preparation for utility relocations.

- There may be increased activity in this area.
- We will provide detour signage and/or flaggers to indicate any traffic modifications and help motorists and pedestrians navigate through the area.

Ongoing Activities

Demolition

The demolition of 2150 Harlem Ave is still ongoing. Amtrak is committed to conducting this work in a manner that is least disruptive to the community. For your safety, we ask

that you please keep all children and pets away from the construction area. During construction, you can expect:

- Workers and construction vehicles in and around the construction site
- Increased noise levels, consistent with typical construction activity
- Intermittent closure of sidewalks and walkways
- Temporary parking restrictions, when needed

Early Mobilization for Utility Siphon Tunnel

Crews have mobilized on the 800 block of Spedden Street in preparation for construction of the utility siphon – a small tunnel - that will relocate existing utilities under the existing Amtrak Northeast Corridor railroad tracks.

- There may be increased activity along Spedden St, N Pulaski St, W Lanvale St, and W Lafayette Ave as work ramps up.
- We will provide detour signage and/or flaggers to indicate any traffic modifications and help motorists and pedestrians navigate through the area.

Erosion and Sediment Controls

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

Pile Driving and Excavation

Crews will continue excavating the ground and installing steel sheet pilings behind the 900 block of N Payson Street for utility relocations.

- Residents can expect elevated noise from construction activities and moving equipment, such as jackhammering and equipment backup alerts.

General Work

- 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, and N Brice Streets, 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 to install water lines along N Payson, N Pulaski and N Brice Street.
- Impacted residents will receive additional notification prior to any expected water shut offs.

Traffic Modifications

- Full road closure of N Pulaski Street between Lafayette Avenue and Harlem Avenue.

PLEASE NOTE:

Crews generally work [Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm](#), with weekend work scheduled as needed. 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.

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