

Construction Notification

June 1, 2025



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

Upcoming Activities

Demolition

Contractors for the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program are scheduled to begin demolition at 2113 W Lafayette Ave on or about June 2, 2025. The work will begin with the installation of a steel fence with screening. This safety measure is intended to keep adjacent residents safe from construction activity.

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.

Manhole Work

Crews are scheduled to begin working in manholes at two locations:

- In the alleyway behind the 800 block of N Brice St.
- On N Pulaski St from Edmondson Ave to Harlem Ave.

The street and alley will remain open during this time. Please use caution when traveling through these areas as crew members will be flagging to direct traffic.

Temporary Water Line Installation

On or about June 10, 2025 crews will begin to install a temporary water line in preparation for utility relocations along Rayner Ave. While we will maintain pedestrian access to homes during construction, there will be periods of time when the sidewalk may be closed. Please use caution when walking through this area.

Residents can also expect:

- Parking restrictions.
- An increase of contractors in the area.
- An increase of construction equipment, noise, and dust.

Please note: At this time, no interruptions to water service are expected. If this should change, we will contact customers.

Ongoing Activities

Excavation 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.

- Contractors have installed sound barriers to reduce noise levels during construction.
- 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 to 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 excavation efforts for the siphon tunnel and will install additional steel sheet piles behind the 900 block of N Payson Street and 700 block of N Pulaski Street.

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

Manhole Work

• Crews will continue working on manholes in the 1000 block of N. Payson and Mosher St. Please use caution when traveling through this area as flaggers will direct traffic.

Other 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, Lexington, 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 Ave and Harlem Ave.

PLEASE NOTE:

Crews will generally work Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 5:00pm 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.

Stay updated on the Program





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