

Frederick Douglass Tunnel

B&P TUNNEL REPLACEMENT



Construction Notification

July 13, 2025



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

Upcoming Activities

W Mulberry St Detour

As part of the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program, construction crews will place a temporary detour on W Mulberry Street between N Warwick Street and N Pulaski Street. Work related to this detour is expected to start early July and is necessary to support ongoing construction. Contractors will post detour signs and we will maintain roadway, public transportation, and pedestrian access during this work.

Notice of Nighttime Construction Work

Construction crews will begin working at night within the construction site near Harlem Ave and Pulaski St. This work schedule is slated to begin on or about July 14, 2025.

What You Can Expect:

- Low hum of construction equipment
- Light towers focused on the work areas
- Noise associated with moving debris

We understand this work may cause some inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to complete these critical activities.

Ongoing Activities

Water Line Installation

Crews have begun installing a 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 in contractors in the area
- An increase in 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.

Excavation for Utility Siphon Tunnel

Crews are working on the 800 block of Spedden St constructing 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
- Crews have installed fencing around the perimeter of the construction area
- There may be increased activity along Spedden St, N Pulaski St, W Lanvale St, and W Lafayette Ave as work continues
- We have provided detour signage and/or flaggers to help direct motorists and pedestrians through the area

Erosion and Sediment Controls

To control stormwater flows leaving the construction site, contractors have installed temporary asphalt berms across Harlem Ave and 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 utility siphon tunnel and are installing additional steel sheet piles behind the 900 block of N Payson St, 700 block of N Pulaski St and the 800 block of Spedden St.

- 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 and 900 block of N Payson St and Mosher St
- On N Pulaski St from Edmondson Ave to Harlem Ave
- In the alleyway behind the 800 block of N Brice 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

- We are continuing to work on N Pulaski, W Lanvale, W 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 Streets
- We will provide additional notification to impacted residents prior to any expected water shut offs

Traffic Modifications

- Full road closure of N Pulaski St between W Lafayette Ave and Harlem Ave
- Flaggers will be periodically directing traffic along N Payson St due to ongoing construction activities

PLEASE NOTE:

*Crews will generally work **Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 5:00pm** unless working extended hours. 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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