

# Frederick Douglass Tunnel

B&P TUNNEL REPLACEMENT



## Construction Notification

August 10, 2025



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

## Upcoming Activities

### Manhole Work

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

- In the lot behind the 900 block of N Payson St
- On N Pulaski St from Lanvale St to Harlem Ave

This work will primarily be taking place behind construction fencing.

Residents can also expect:

- Flagging in the area to direct traffic
- An increase in contractors in the area
- An increase in construction equipment, noise, and dust

### Temporary Water Line Installation

Starting late August, crews will begin to install a temporary water line in preparation for utility relocations along 2000 block of Rayner Ave between N Pulaski St and N Payson St. While we will maintain pedestrian access to homes during construction, there will be periods of time when the sidewalk may be closed.

Residents can also expect:

- Road closure of Rayner from N Pulaski to N Payson St.
- An increase in contractors in the area
- An increase in construction equipment, noise, and dust
- Please use caution when traveling through this area

*Please Note: At this time, no interruptions to water service are expected. If this should change, customers will be contacted.*

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## Ongoing Activities

### W Mulberry St Detour and Closure

As part of the Program, a temporary detour will soon be in place on **W Mulberry St**, between **N Warwick Ave** and **N Mount St**. Pre work is currently underway.

#### What to expect in the coming weeks:

- Placement of long-term detour signage
- Grading and paving at W Franklin St & Warwick Ave
- Installation of concrete barriers
- Lane closures on W Franklin St
- Lane closures on W Mulberry St
- Repainting of road and lane markings and changing traffic patterns

### Excavation for Utility Siphon Tunnel

Crews have mobilized on the 800 block of Spedden St for the 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 and 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 ramps up
- Detour signage and/or flaggers will be provided 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 Ave at N Pulaski St. Travelers are advised to slow travel speeds as they move along these roads.

### Pile Driving and Excavation

Crews continue excavation efforts for the utility siphon tunnel and will install 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

### Waterline Installation

Crews continue to install a temporary water line in preparation for utility relocations along North Ave between W Mt. Royal Ave to N Howard St. Please use caution when moving 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.

## Manhole Work

Crews continue working on manholes:

- in the 1000 and 900 blocks of N Payson St 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, W Lexington, North Ave, 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 Rayner Ave. and N Brice Streets
- Impacted residents will receive additional notification 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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