

# FREDERICK DOUGLASS TUNNEL PROGRAM

# Demolition Fact Sheet

## Overview

The Amtrak Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program (Program) will modernize and transform a 10-mile section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC), unlocking the biggest rail bottleneck between Washington, D.C. and New Jersey. At 150 years old, it is the oldest tunnel on the NEC. Trains are frequently delayed traveling through the tunnel, where speeds are limited to just 30 mph due to the tunnel's tight curves. To review other Fact Sheets, please visit [Amtrak.com/FDTunnel](https://www.amtrak.com/FDTunnel).



## Demolition Overview

As part of the Program, Amtrak has acquired or is in the process of acquiring residential and commercial properties within and adjacent to the Program alignment area. Once Amtrak ownership is complete, preparation activities for the properties and surrounding areas will begin prior to the demolition of the actual structures. Amtrak's demolition work will be shared to keep the public informed.

## Work Activities

Initial work will include safeguarding existing utility infrastructure and other materials located on or adjacent to the properties, removal of all remaining items within the properties, building deconstruction, and removal of all debris. In total, 47 properties (both residential and commercial) will be demolished as part of this process.

Demolition ("contractors") will mobilize crews and equipment on site starting shortly after site preparation work is complete. This equipment includes excavators, skid steers, and water nozzles (to aid in reducing dust migration). During mobilization, the contractors will also install fencing with screening fabric around each demolition site. The time needed to complete demolition at any site will vary depending on several



factors, including but not limited to site conditions, weather, and any site discoveries. After the contractors have mobilized, most existing structures should be demolished within approximately 2-3 weeks of mobilization on a site. *All applicable Baltimore City rules and regulations will be followed throughout the demolition process.*

## About the Demolition Contractors

Amtrak has awarded the Program demolition contracts to two local small business enterprises. Baltimore-based K&K Adams will primarily complete the residential demolitions and Maryland-based Delaware Cornerstone Builders will primarily complete the commercial demolitions. Each demolition contractor crew member will carry identification to confirm they are authorized to work for the Program and have been cleared and trained to safely perform the work. **If in doubt about any individual approaching you or your home, please call our FD Tunnel program team at (443) 423-1115.**

The contractors are experienced in performing demolition work and are familiar with all applicable rules and regulations in Baltimore City. Each contractor has a detailed workplan for each group of properties to be demolished, including how adjacent properties will be safeguarded during this process. Additionally, both contractors have secured approved areas for their equipment to be stored at night. Work will primarily be completed Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm with actual demolition activity not slated to start until 8:00 am.

## Safeguarding Adjacent Properties

Amtrak is working with the contractors (and their structural engineers) to provide information to adjacent homeowners. This information will include the plan for structural bracing to protect adjacent properties, vibration monitoring, and dust mitigation. Once the plan is finalized, any potentially impacted adjacent homeowners will be informed of all details related to the safety of their properties.



## Historic Salvage

Pursuant to the requirements of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Program, Amtrak is required to salvage historically significant materials from the 47 acquired properties and make the materials available for free to the Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson Avenue Historic districts. The PA specifies the process for the historic salvage program which includes:

- 🔦 Collect, catalogue, and photograph salvaged materials;
- 🔦 Store items in a location accessible to the community;
- 🔦 Review eligibility criteria prior to making the materials accessible; and
- 🔦 Publish the full process for requesting salvaged items on [FDtunnel.com](http://FDtunnel.com).

## We want to hear from you

Although this demolition work has been carefully, thoughtfully, and thoroughly planned, there is always the possibility that an unexpected concern may arise. For questions or concerns related to this demolition work, please email or call 443-423-1115. A member of our Program team will be able to assist you.

**For more information about the Program, please visit [Amtrak.com/FDTunnel](http://Amtrak.com/FDTunnel).**

