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Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program

Quarterly Program Outreach Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2025 Virtual Meeting

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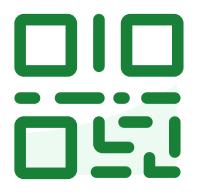
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# What community are you joining us from (representing)?



### **Today's Discussion**

- Program overview
- Current and upcoming activities
- Community engagement
- Q & A / Next steps

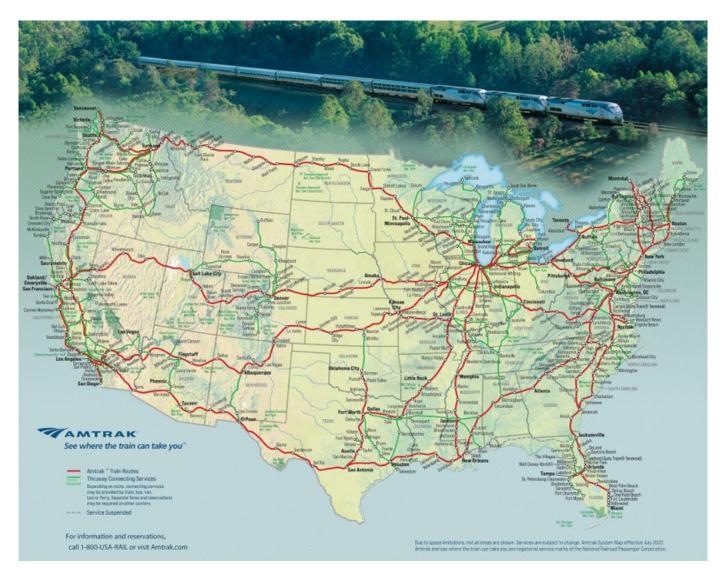




# Program Overview



#### **About Amtrak: America's Railroad**



- 500+ destinations across
   46 states and 3 Canadian
   provinces
- 22,000+ employees
- 33 million passengers per year



#### **B&P Tunnel Background**

- The existing B&P tunnel connects West Baltimore MARC Station to Baltimore Penn Station and is over 150 years old
- The B&P Tunnel carries 14 million passengers per year MARC (Penn Line) & Amtrak

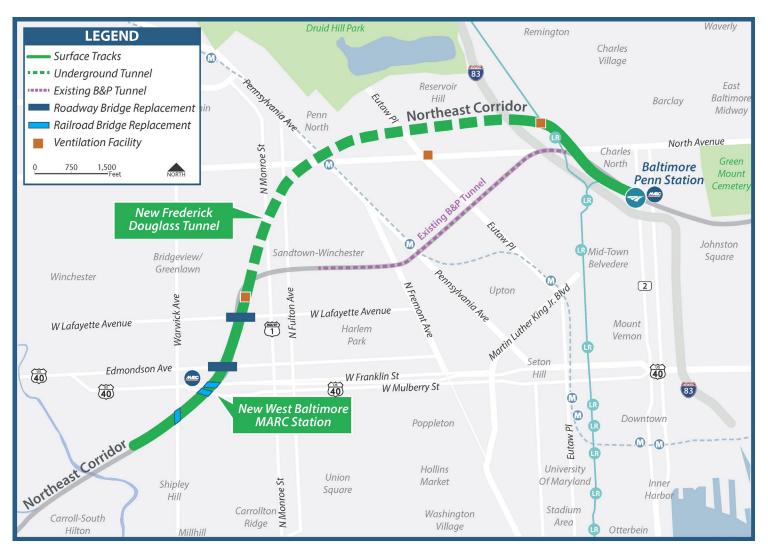
#### Top Issues:

- Aging structure
- Frequent train delays through the tunnel
- High maintenance (frequent outages)
- No redundancy & resiliency





## Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program Overview



- 10 miles of rail improvements along the NFC
- ~2 miles of new tunnel per bore in West Baltimore (two tunnel bores)
- New and improved railroad infrastructure
- New ADA-accessible West Baltimore MARC Station
- State-of-the-art modern fire/life safety systems
- 5 bridge replacements in Baltimore City (2 roadway, 3 railroad bridges)
- 11 Baltimore City roadway modifications
- Noise barriers in Midtown Edmondson and Greater Rosemont communities





#### **Program Benefits**



\$50 million for **COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS** 



Local jobs centers to train the **WORKFORCE** 



Increased ACCESS
TO REGIONAL JOBS
for Baltimore City
residents



Approximately
20,000 JOBS
GENERATED over the course of construction



Construction of a new ADA-ACCESSIBLE
West Baltimore
MARC STATION



**IMPROVEMENTS** to roadway and bridge **INFRASTRUCTURE** 



ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
addition of electrified
trains and solar powered
facilities and stations



ACCESS TO SALVAGE
MATERIALS for residents
of Midtown Edmondson
and Edmondson Avenue
Historic Districts



RELIABILITY,
REDUNDANCY and
RESILIENCY for MARC
and Amtrak trains



Construction of a **NEW TUNNEL**, named in honor of Frederick Douglass



IMPROVED TRIP
TIME. Travel from
Baltimore to
Washington in under
30 minutes



Complete
MODERNIZATION of
Amtrak's NORTHEAST
CORRIDOR in West
Baltimore





### 2025 – 2026 Major Construction Activities

Summer 2025

Winter 2025

Spring 2026

Winter 2026



Relocate utilities Lower W Mulberry St



Construct south portal entrances



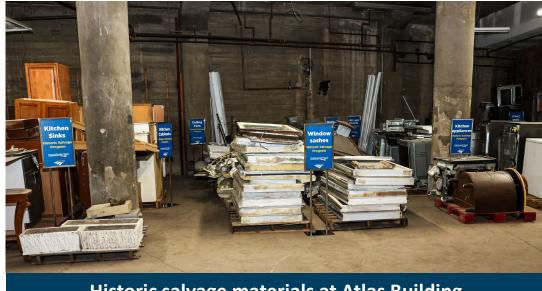
Construct
W Mulberry St
railroad bridge





#### **Program Progress**

- Property demolitions (1 remaining)
  - Final clean up of all sites
- Launch Historic Salvage Program
  - Opened June 2, 2025
  - Free access to salvaged materials for residents of Midtown Edmondson and Greater Rosemont historic districts
  - Hours of operation
    - Monday Wednesday, 9AM 3PM
    - Saturdays by appointment only



Historic salvage materials at Atlas Building



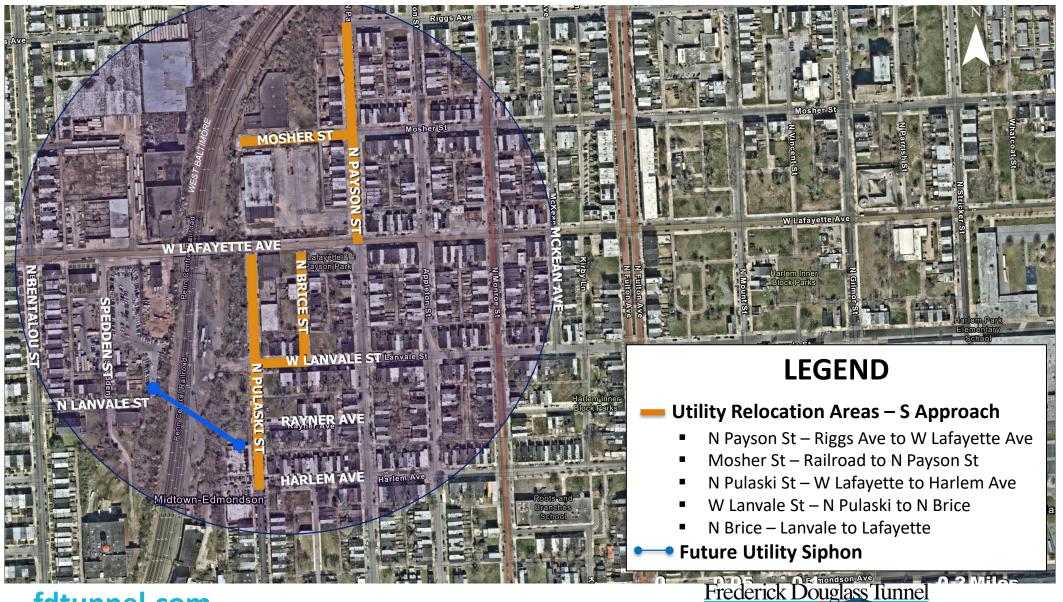




## **Current Construction**



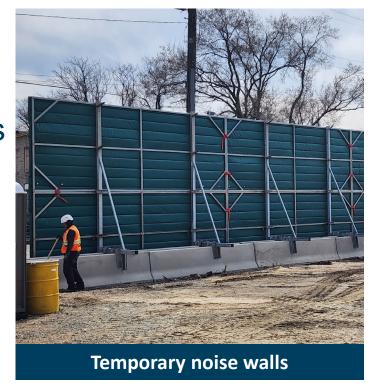
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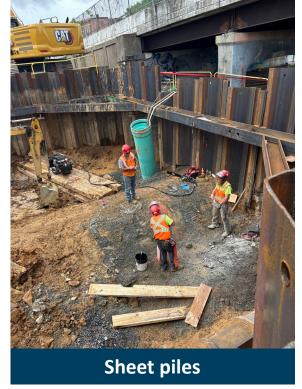


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#### **Construction Activities**

- Install safety elements
  - Fence
  - Erosion and sediment controls
- Relocate utilities
- Reconstruct W Mulberry St and replace railroad bridge









#### **Construct the Utility Siphon Tunnel**

(used to carry utilities beneath the railroad)

- Use a liner plate and ring beams to support the excavation in soil
- Use equipment to dig through soil from the surface down to the depth where rock is encountered
- Excavate rock and remove
- Use rib sets and other temporary support to support the tunnel opening









#### **Large Equipment and Material Deliveries**







# W Mulberry Street Road Closure

## W Mulberry St at W Baltimore MARC Station

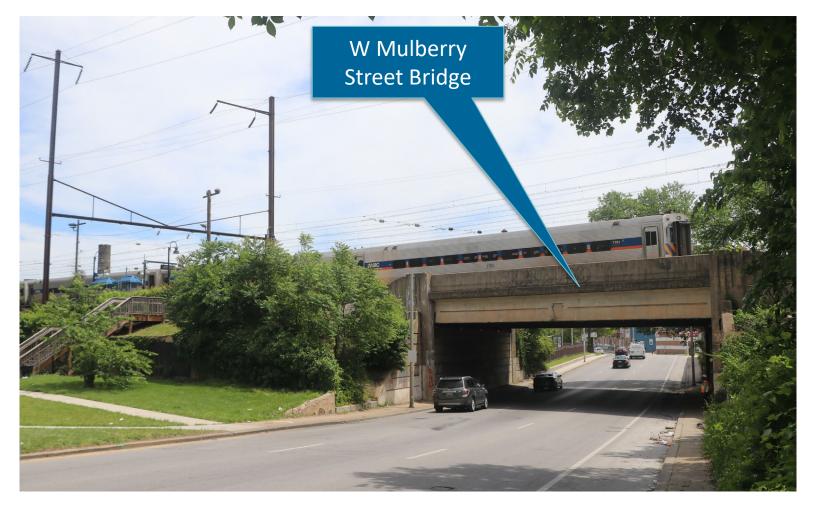




## W Mulberry St (Railroad Bridge)

## **Construction Activities**

- Roadway lowering
- Utility relocation
- Railroad bridge construction
- Roadway reconstruction







## W Mulberry St Roadway Closure Area

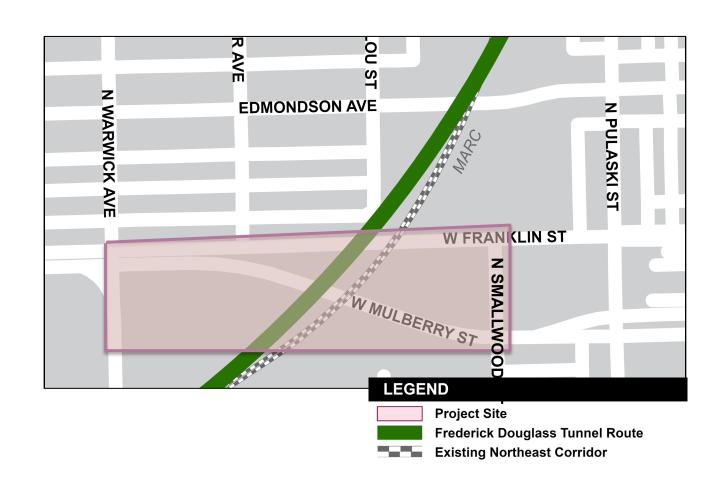
Between N Warwick Ave and N Smallwood St

#### **Detour Timing**

Q3 2025 – Q2 2027

#### Pedestrian / bicycle access

- Sidewalk detours
- Pedestrian and bicycle access will remain available





### **Engagement since 2021**





## **Community Meetings (2025)**

January 29, 2025

Redline Community Advisory Team Mtg

March 17, 2025

**Evergreen Lawn Protective Assn** 

April 22, 2025

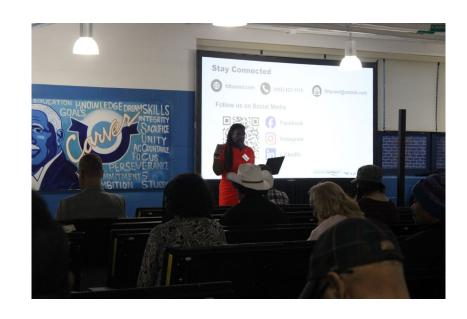
Sandtown Winchester Community Collective

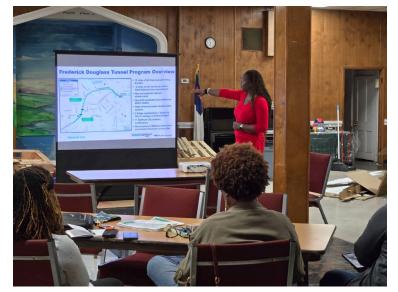
May 13, 2025

West Baltimore United Presentation

June 3, 2025

Bon Secours Seniors Lunch











#### **Stewardship in West Baltimore**







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BRP TUNNEL REPLACEMENT

### **Workforce Development**



Clark/Stacy and Witbeck, a Joint Venture

#### **Discover Opportunities in Construction!**

#### **How to Get a Job with the Union Workshop**

Event Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM EST

Format: Online Zoom Webinar













## Key takeaways from this meeting

- Major utility relocation work is underway on the Program
- Traffic detours are beginning this summer to prepare for the reconstruction of the W Mulberry Street rail bridge
- Avoid Route 40 and consider alternative travel paths
- The Program team will come to meet with communities at their request to share updates and answer questions



#### Sign up for construction notifications

#### Slick Text

 Tool being used to send text messages to community members who opt IN to receive construction notifications.

## Text colored **KEYWORDS** below to (833) 917-3749



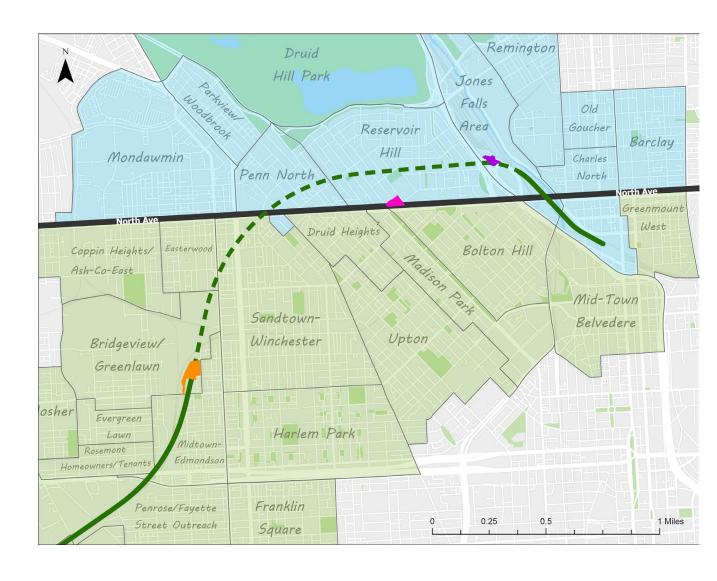




**FDTNorth** 

**FDTSouth** 

**FDTConstruct** 



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#### Sign up for Program and construction notices

#### Constant Contact

 Tool being used to send bi-weekly emails to individuals who opt IN to receive construction notifications or Program information







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## **Stay Connected**





(443) 423-1115



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What is the best way(s) for us to share information on traffic detours / roadway closures with you (your neighbors)?





## **Questions & Comments**

#### **Q&A Protocol**

#### Reminder, the meeting facilitator is responsible for:

- Reading questions and directing to the appropriate subject matter expert
- Keeping questions to a single follow up
- Providing appropriate opportunities for all attendees to participate

#### To support a successful Q&A, we ask that attendees:

- Please respect the opinions of others
- Submit questions in the Slido Q&A
- Raise your hand (\*5) to be unmuted (\*6) if calling by phone
- Allow experts to answer questions without interruption
- Limit themselves to one follow up/clarifying question

