

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT



Project Kick-Off

On July 19, 2024, Amtrak joined the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), and state and local elected officials to formally kick-off the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project. Pre-construction work, including the removal of the 1866 remnant piers is now underway. This critical infrastructure project will support continued connectivity along the Northeast Corridor (NEC), America's busiest passenger rail corridor, and will advance Amtrak's new era of rail. This early work will support the start of bridge construction anticipated to begin next year. The \$2.7B Project is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, thanks to a \$2.08B Fed-State NEC grant announced by FRA in late 2023. Click [here](#) to read more about the event.



Keynote speakers and Amtrak officials included, from left, Amtrak Executive VP Laura Mason, MDOT Secretary Paul Wiedefeld, Havre de Grace Mayor William Martin, FRA Administrator Amit Bose, USDOT Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg, Amtrak CEO Stephen Gardner, Perryville Mayor Michelle Linkey, and MTA Administrator Holly Arnold.
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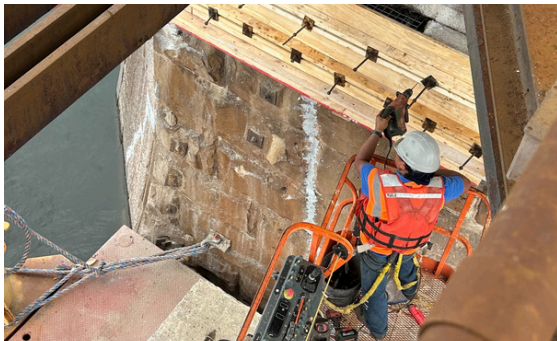
Frequently Asked Questions

Q How will the new bridges benefit boating and navigation in the Susquehanna River?

A The project will improve navigation along the Susquehanna River by increasing both vertical and horizontal clearance. The design of the new bridges will provide 60 feet of fixed vertical clearance and 235 feet of horizontal clearance.

[Click here](#) to view the other frequently asked questions about the project.

Pre-construction Activities



Contractors repairing an existing Susquehanna River Rail Bridge pier.

Amtrak and its contractors began the removal of the 1866 remnant piers in June 2024. As of the end of August 2024, six of the ten piers have been substantially removed from the Susquehanna River. All of the piers are anticipated to be removed by the end of November 2024. Concurrent with the remnant pier removal, Amtrak's contractors are making necessary interim repairs to the existing Susquehanna River Rail Bridge. In preparation for bridge construction, the Project team is also conducting environmental surveys to better understand subsurface conditions. The team will be in various locations throughout the Project area to collect soil and in-river water samples. All disturbed areas will be restored upon completion of the surveys. Sign up [here](#) to receive project updates.

Back to School with Amtrak

The Project Team had the opportunity to support students in the City of Havre de Grace and the Town of Perryville as they begin this upcoming school year. On August 17, 2024, Amtrak was a headliner sponsor at the Refuel for School Youth Festival in Havre de Grace. Amtrak supported the donation of 400 bags of school supplies and hosted an outreach table at the event. The Project Team also partnered with Perryville Public Schools to donate school supplies and backpacks to set students up for success. Cheers to a wonderful school year!



Amtrak donated school supplies to students at Perryville Public Schools to help them prepare for the upcoming school year.



On August 17, Amtrak supported the Havre de Grace Youth Commission's Refuel for School Event.

Digging Through History



The team performing excavation as part of planned archeological investigations.

As part of the environmental review process, Amtrak completed archaeological studies in 2014 using documentary sources to identify areas with potential for archaeological deposits. In August 2024, Amtrak and its contractors conducted supplemental archaeological surveys in Havre de Grace and Perryville to further investigate the archeological context and sensitivity at potential sites within the project area. The team completed digs in thirteen locations and are preparing technical reports that will be reviewed by the Maryland Historical Trust. Should items of interest be found, Amtrak will adhere to procedures outlined in the **Programmatic Agreement**.

Get Involved

As part of the environmental permitting process, Amtrak will be hosting a public hearing in partnership with the Maryland Department of the Environment. The hearing will take place at 6:00 PM on September 19, 2024, at the Havre de Grace Activity Center. A poster session will take place from 6:00 to 6:30 PM followed by a public hearing in accordance with the Joint Permit Application regulations. Public comments will be accepted during the hearing.



Amtrak train crossing the Susquehanna River.
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