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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT



Recent Progress

The Summer of 2025 has been a busy season for Amtrak, as the Susquehanna River Bridge Project makes progress in numerous aspects. The Project Team secured multiple essential permits through the Joint Permit Application process that allows Amtrak and its contractors to work in and adjacent to the Susquehanna River. The U.S. Coast Guard also issued a public notice as part of the bridge permitting process, which was followed by a one-month comment period. Crews in the field identified underwater and underground utility cables that may need to be relocated before upcoming bridge construction and completed hazardous material surveys on Amtrak's ancillary structures. A drone flyover was conducted in July to survey the existing aerial transmission lines across the bridge.



Drone photo of the existing Susquehanna River Bridge

Single Lane Closures in Havre de Grace

Crews are continuing to conduct test holing in the project area to help identify subsurface utilities. A single lane closure Tuesdays through Saturdays (excluding some holidays) from 7AM to 3PM began on Juniata Street and Warren Street in September 2025. Flaggers are on-site to direct traffic through the open lane, and priority will be given to emergency services entering or exiting the nearby fire station. These closures are anticipated to continue into early October 2025. Amtrak is committed to keeping residents and businesses informed about anticipated traffic impacts. Additionally, the Project Team recently presented to the City of Havre de Grace Street and Traffic Advisory Board Meeting on September 22, 2025. During the meeting, Amtrak was able to present anticipated traffic impacts due to the project, answer questions, and listen to the community to better understand any potential concerns.



Project Team presenting at the 9/22/2025 City of Havre de Grace Street and Traffic Advisory Board

Frequently Asked Questions

Q When will major construction begin?

We are currently in the process of conducting an innovative cost engineering analysis, which includes identifying opportunities to optimize design, improve constructability, and mitigate future project cost challenges to ensure successful delivery of this critical project. This common practice for megaprojects is leveraging expertise from private sector contractors, funding partners and several departments within Amtrak. Due to this complicated process, major construction will not begin in 2025. We will share more details on construction timing as this process reaches a conclusion.

Click **here** to view the other frequently asked questions about the project.

Awakening History Under the Banks of Susquehanna River



Archaeological site in Havre de Grace



Artifact found in Havre de Grace



Project Archaeologists

Amtrak has been conducting archaeological investigations this summer in the Town of Perryville and in the City of Havre de Grace as the Project advances toward construction. The first archaeological investigative efforts began in 2024 and work continues to ensure significant buildings, objects, structures, districts, and archaeological sites are considered during bridge design and construction. Crews completed archaeological investigations near Rodgers Tavern in Perryville on August 8, 2025. Additionally, the Project Team and archaeologists are working on data recovery excavations at three sites in Havre de Grace between N. Adams Street and N. Stokes Street. Investigations began on August 18, 2025 and will continue through the fall. Field staff will be on site Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7AM to 3PM (pending weather and holidays) and can be available to answer questions about the dig and the artifacts found. Click **here** or scan the QR code to access the Archaeology Fact Sheet and learn more about the work.



Archaeologist conducting field investigation



Artifact found in Perryville

Meet the Team

Jen Reigle is the Principal Design Manager for Amtrak's Susquehanna River Bridge Project. She has been in this role for over two years and is responsible for delivering all aspects of the project design on time and on cost. In 2001, Jen graduated from the Pennsylvania State University (We Are...) and started her civil engineering career with Jacobs in Baltimore, MD. She later relocated to Philadelphia, PA where she designed and managed highway, transit bridges, and associated infrastructure at Pennoni. While at Pennoni, Jen pursued and obtained her Masters of Science in Engineering Management from Drexel University. Jen was the former Philadelphia Section President of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for the 2020-2021 term and continues to be involved in the organization. In her free time, she enjoys spending time at the beach, competing in axe throwing, baking, and visiting her family in her hometown of Bel Air, MD.



Jen Reigle, Amtrak Principal Design Manager

Amtrak has been spearheading a comprehensive community outreach program since 2014. By raising awareness of the project, being present at local events, and engaging with community groups, Amtrak is bridging communities on both sides of the Susquehanna River and beyond. Have a question or comment? Reach out to us using the contact information listed below.



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