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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT



Project Update



The Amtrak Susquehanna River Bridge Project is a critical infrastructure project that will improve rail connectivity along the Northeast Corridor (NEC) by replacing the existing two-track bridge over the Susquehanna River between the City of Havre de Grace in Harford County, Maryland, and the Town of Perryville in Cecil County, Maryland. The new structures will include two fixed parallel bridges with greater vertical and horizontal clearances for marine traffic. Amtrak has begun preparatory work for the project. This project update describes recent progress and upcoming activities residents and business owners may see in the coming months. The activity descriptions and general locations below are dynamic and subject to change.

Recent Progress

- Crews completed in-river investigations along the west side of the existing Susquehanna River Bridge. Buried cables were identified and Amtrak is coordinating with various utility companies to remove the cables prior to the start of major construction.
- Crews completed environmental testing including hazardous material surveys
 of ancillary structures on Amtrak property.
- On June 6, 2025, the Project Team participated in the Havre de Grace First Friday event. We engaged with attendees, answered questions about upcoming construction and encouraged residents to sign up for the project mailing list.
- Crews completed Northern Map Turtle surveys and removed artificial basking platforms from the river on June 15, 2025.

Environmental Surveys

- Crews continue to conduct surveys to gather information about natural and archaeological resources and ambient noise and vibration in 2025 and will continue through the third quarter of 2025.
- · Surveys are conducted during daytime weekday hours.
- Work will involve excavation, measurements, photographs, drones, etc.



June 6, 2025 Havre de Grace First Friday



Excavation for archaeological investigations

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Environmental and Geotechnical Testing

- Crews will be conducting an in-river test shaft program to provide the design and construction teams with a better understanding of subsurface conditions.
- This work will be done from barges and is anticipated to begin in late 2025.
- These activities are expected to occur during daytime weekday hours.

Subsurface Utility Investigations

- Crews will continue to identify subsurface utilities throughout the project corridor and surrounding areas using ground penetrating radar, hand augers, and vacuum excavators in the third quarter of 2025.
- Investigations will continue throughout 2025 and into 2026.
- Surveyors will be present performing project stakeout.
- · Activities will typically occur during daytime weekday hours.
- Anticipate first roadway impacts will be in Havre de Grace (Juniata St) in mid to late July. A schedule and types of impact will be provided to the Fire Department and City officials when details are finalized.
- Utility potholing is anticipated to begin in Havre de Grace and Perryville approximately on July 14, 2025.
- Disturbed areas will be restored upon completion.

Ongoing Railroad Maintenance

• In addition to the project-specific activities, Amtrak will continue performing regular inspections and maintenance along the existing bridge and adjacent segments of the Northeast Corridor.



Environmental testing



Identification of subsurface utilities



Maintenance on the NEC Credit: Amtrak

Project Timeline

The Susquehanna River Bridge Project is 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. We will share more details as this process reaches a conclusion. The timeline below reflects the preconstruction activities completed to date and those currently underway.

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Approximate Locations of On-Going and Upcoming Activities



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