

North Valley Road Bridge Relocation FAQ

1. When will PennDOT begin demolition of the acquired properties along Lancaster Avenue?

- Demolition will start in late 2023.

2. Will Highway lighting be included in the new structure?

- Yes, ornamental roadway lighting will be installed along the new alignment of North Valley Road, at the new roundabout at Central Avenue, and will be included on the new bridge over the Amtrak railroad tracks.

3. Will there be a detour in place during the construction of the new bridge and roundabout?

- The existing North Valley Road bridge will remain open until the new bridge is fully constructed and ready to carry traffic. There will be several short-term detours of Central Avenue and North Valley Road for the construction of the roundabout.

4. Will pedestrian and bicycle use be considered for the new structure?

- Yes, an 8' wide sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the new bridge. Also, the bridge will include two 5' bicycle lanes on the structure.

5. Why is it taking so long for this construction to begin?

- This is a complex project involving Amtrak, SEPTA, numerous utility companies, and private property owners. The acquisition of the right of way from the railroad and coordination of utility relocations to the new roadway and bridge take significant coordination and legal agreements.

6. How will construction impact the activities at the train station?

- Access to the train station will be maintained at all times. There will be short-term impacts to the parking areas during construction.

7. How long do these buildings have to remain vacant before demolition occurs?

- Demolition of the buildings will start in late 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2024.

8. When is construction anticipated to start on the new bridge?

- Construction of the project is scheduled to start pending final agreements with the Amtrak construction team and Right-of-Way Acquisition team. Please see the TIP Visualization Report for current updates.

9. When is the new bridge anticipated to be open to traffic?

- The new bridge is anticipated to be open in early/mid-2027.

10. What is causing the delays in the project going to construction?

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