

Bayfront Parkway Central Corridor Improvement Project Newsletter

Creating a Stronger Connection between Downtown Erie and the Waterfront



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Crews Stayed Busy over Winter

Despite the periods of snow and freezing temperatures, crews on the Central Bayfront Parkway Project stayed diligent in moving forward with the transformation.

Since the closure of the intersection of Bayfront Parkway and State Street in September 2025, the contractor Brayman and Trumball, Joint Venture of Pittsburgh has completed more than \$30 million worth of work.

The large-scale retaining walls for the bluff and most of the supporting structure of the future bridges that take State Street over the Bayfront Parkway have been substantially completed.

"The credit goes to the tradesmen, operators, inspectors, and laborers who have worked through the winter to keep the project moving forward," PennDOT Project Manager Justin Baker said. "They were out in the weather day after day with dedication to the goal and service to the community."

Justin and PennDOT Senior Construction Manager



Doug Fry discussed the winter work during the most recent episode of "Let's Talk Bayfront". A recording of the conversation is available online through the [Central Bayfront Parkway Project webpage](#), by scanning the QR Code included here, or using the link posted in the [Bayfront Parkway Project Facebook group](#).





The businesses and amenities along the waterfront are prepping for the spring/summer tourism season. All locations are accessible from West and East Front streets, as depicted in this map created by Bayfront Landing. With the predicted increase in visitors through the corridor in the coming months, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are reminded pay attention to each other. Slow down. Obey traffic signals and signs. Cross at designated crosswalks and use marked detours. Share the road.

What's Next on the Bayfront Parkway Construction Schedule

As the weather continues to warm, the work schedule on the Bayfront remains busy.

In the coming weeks, the bridge that will carry State Street traffic above the parkway will start to take shape as the beams as put into place. It is a single span structure, which means individual concrete beams will span the entire underpass below. Tied into this main structure are two ramp bridges which will tie the elevated State Street Intersection back down to the Bayfront Parkway in both directions.

Once that is complete, crews will turn their attention to the detailed operations of preparing the bridge for the concrete deck. This step will take several weeks to accomplish as it requires substantial steel work and welding in addition to the multiple layers of rebar reinforcement and form work.

While the work may seem interesting to walk for some, PennDOT reminds folks to view things from a safe space and never enter the work zone or attempt to walk across the unfinished structure.



The Purpose of the project is to improve the pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and passenger vehicle connection of the Erie Central Business District and adjacent neighborhoods to the waterfront property north of the Bayfront Parkway, reduce crashes as much as practical on the Bayfront Parkway, improve future congestion to an acceptable level of service or delay, and improve traffic operations and efficiency.