

Bayfront Parkway Central Corridor Improvement Project Newsletter

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Bayfront Parkway Closure Planned for After Labor Day 2025

PennDOT has announced plans to close a portion of the Bayfront Parkway later this year.

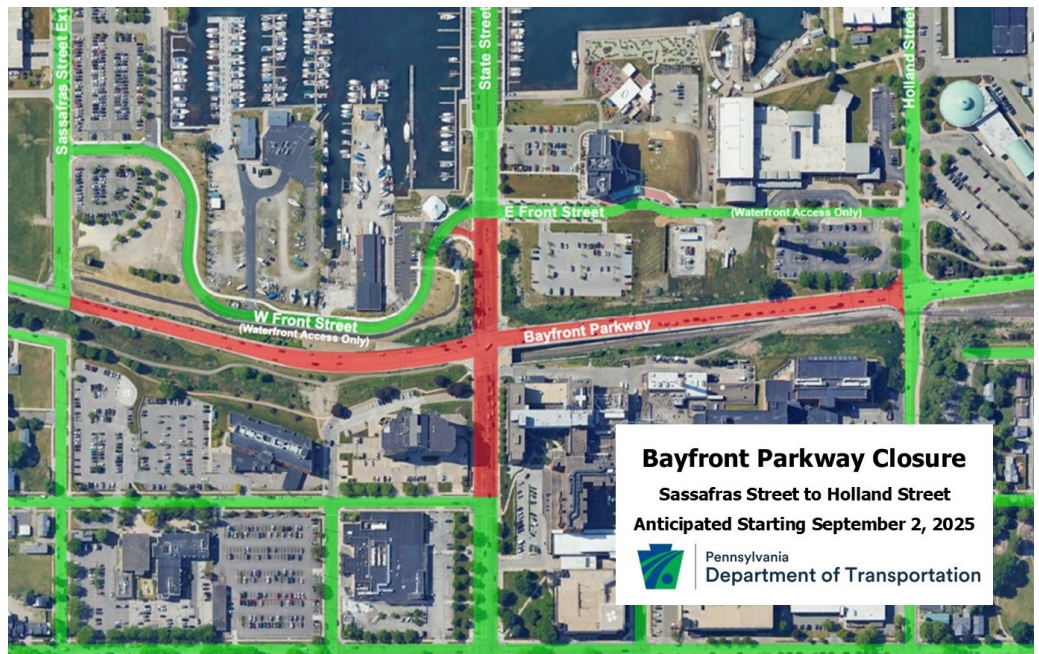
PennDOT anticipates closing the Bayfront Parkway (Route 4034) between Sassafras Street Extension and Holland Street, including the State Street intersection, in September 2025. It will remain closed for approximately one year.

Route 5 (12th Street) will be the recommended detour for traffic traveling across the city throughout the closure.

Access to businesses along the waterfront side of the Bayfront Parkway will be maintained at all times from East Front Street and West Front Street Extension.

During the closure, major work included in the Central Bayfront Parkway Project will be completed, including the reconstruction of State Street and the parkway to create a grade-separated intersection with lanes to take through traffic beneath the intersection, shorter at-grade crosswalks across the parkway, and new traffic signals. Work will also be done near Holland Street to prepare for the construction of a roundabout and pedestrian bridge at that intersection.

PennDOT conducted a public involvement effort in late May to gather input on the possible closure plans.



"Through discussions with stakeholders, local officials, and the public, we identified topics that needed to be addressed prior to and during the closure," said PennDOT District 1 Executive Brian McNulty. "Those items included safety and efficiency for those using East and West Front Streets to access the businesses along the waterfront, access for hospital personnel and vendors, and timing of the closure to not disrupt events planned for this summer."

In announcing the closure, PennDOT is emphasizing the following information:

- The closure will not start until after Labor Day, September 1, 2025, and therefore, will not

disrupt the Tall Ships Erie Festival event planned for August.

- East Front Street and West Front Street Extension (north of the parkway) should only be used by drivers traveling to and from businesses on the waterfront.
- Prior to the start of the closure, stop signs, temporary signals, speed humps, and/or additional crosswalks will be installed along East Front Street and West Front Street Extension north of the parkway to slow traffic and provide improved safety for pedestrians.

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- Temporary traffic signals, and push-button pedestrian signals will be installed at the intersection of East Third Street and French Street, and the intersection of East Third Street and Holland Street. The pedestrian push-button system at the intersection of Holland Street and Bayfront Parkway will be updated to include an audible component.
- The closure is expected to last for approximately 12 to 14 months. Drivers are encouraged to use 12th Street, which will be the recommended detour, or use other routes for cross-city traffic in preparation for the closure.
- The closure of the Bayfront Parkway allows the project to maintain the original competition goal of 2027.

Drivers are also reminded that State Street was closed between Second Street and the parkway starting **July 28, 2025**. This closure is expected to remain in place with the Bayfront Parkway closure.

The City of Erie will also be making updates to the

parking and traffic patterns on certain roads in the area of State Street south of the parkway. Roadway updates for Erie streets can be found on the [city's website](#).

Temporary pedestrian access along State Street and across the Bayfront Parkway is planned for August 21 to 24, 2025 to accommodate the expected increase in foot traffic during the [Tall Ships Erie Festival](#).

The overall scope and design of the project has not changed. Information on the project and construction at Sassafras Street Extension, State Street, and Holland Street, including renderings, videos and an online comment form, is available online at penndot.pa.gov/bayfrontparkwayproject as well as in the project [Facebook group](#).

Questions and comments about the project can also be submitted by email to BayfrontProject@pa.gov.

The contractor is a Joint Venture between Brayman Construction Corporation and Trumbull Corporation. The contract cost is \$113,331,060.91, which is to be paid with a combination of state and federal funds.



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.