

U.S. 422 M1B Construction Update: Fall 2025

Stage 3 Construction Underway

Fall 2025 – A traffic shift in mid-September marked the beginning of Stage 3 construction under PennDOT's \$83.6 million U.S. 422 Section M1B project to reconstruct and improve 2.1 miles of the highway in Lower Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County.

PennDOT's contractor completed paving the new eastbound U.S. 422 travel lanes this summer. The eastbound sides of two new bridges carrying the highway over Sanatoga Road and the Sanatoga Creek, and Porter Road were also completed.

The traffic shift moved eastbound traffic onto the new pavement and shoulder. A temporary work zone was then established in the median area to allow workers to place temporary pavement. A second traffic shift planned for late October will shift westbound U.S. 422 traffic onto the temporary median pavement, and then reconstruction of the westbound pavement, shoulder, and bridges will begin.

The remaining work this fall will focus on excavation and removing existing asphalt and concrete pavement from the westbound side of U.S. 422, demolition of the westbound side of the two bridges, installing stormwater drainage, and beginning sound wall construction.

Once the project is completed, the highway will have improved curve radii, shoulder widths, and vertical clearance that will enhance travel and safety for motorists.

Installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) components — electronic message signs, and traffic cameras — included in the project also is underway on roadways that feed traffic onto U.S. 422 and adjacent arterials at various locations. ITS work this fall will find crews working on Route 23 in Spring City, Phoenixville, and Valley Forge areas in Chester County.

Motorists will encounter regular off-peak daytime and overnight lane closures during Stage 3 construction.

In addition to reconstructing the travel lanes and shoulders in both directions to enhance travel and safety, improvements under this contract include:

- Constructing sound barriers along sections of westbound U.S. 422
- Improving the stormwater drainage system and stormwater management facilities with two new detention basins
- Upgrading highway signs

Work on the project is scheduled to finish in early 2028.

The construction contract, financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds, is the seventh project in PennDOT's initiative to rebuild and improve the U.S. 422 bypass near Pottstown. Since 2012, PennDOT has completed five projects, valued at \$263.4 million, to improve the U.S.422 corridor in Montgomery and Chester counties.

A sixth project (Section MCP) — addressing maintenance issues between the Trooper Road and Sanatoga Road exits — was completed in 2024.

J.D. Eckman is the general contractor on Section M1B.