

# U.S. 422 M1B Construction Update: Spring 2026

## *Bridge, Sound Barrier Construction Continues This Spring*

**Spring 2026** – Work this spring focuses on bridge and sound barrier construction under Stage 3 of 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.



Following completion of abutments and piers for the westbound side of the new bridge carrying U.S. 422 over Sanatoga Road and the Sanatoga Creek, PennDOT's contractor placed deck beams in mid-March (*see above*). With the beams in place, construction of the bridge's superstructure will begin.

Further west, pier construction is underway for the westbound side of the new bridge over Porter Road (*see bottom photo*) and is expected to be completed in early spring.

Excavation and grading in preparation for roadway paving will continue through the spring on the westbound side of U.S. 422.

In addition, construction of foundations for sound barriers (*see below*) is underway in several areas of the westbound work zone. Erection of posts and sound barrier panels will begin this spring.



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.



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.