

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

## *Westbound Paving Proceeding This Summer*

**Summer 2026** – Westbound paving began in late spring and will continue through the summer 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.



The concrete decks and parapets were poured this spring on the westbound side of the new U.S. 422 bridges over Porter Road (see *above*) and Sanatoga Road/Sanatoga Creek.

Paving operations will continue throughout the work zone this summer. The base course layer has been placed on approximately 75 percent of the two new westbound travel lanes. Load transfer units (see *below*) – devices that distribute the heavy weight of vehicles – were installed on the roadway and will be embedded in the new concrete driving surface.



Excavation and grading will also continue between Evergreen Road and Sanatoga Road and is expected to be completed in early summer.

Construction of one of the five sound barriers (*see below*) will finish this summer. The remaining four sound barriers will be installed once the new westbound pavement is complete.

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



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 the Spring City, Phoenixville, and Valley Forge areas in Chester County.

Drivers 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.