

U.S. 422 M1B Construction Update: Winter 2025-26

Stage 3 Reconstruction Continues This Winter

Winter 2025-26 – Reconstruction continues this winter as Stage 3 progresses 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.

After a traffic shift in October 2025, westbound U.S. 422 traffic is now traveling on the temporary median pavement constructed last fall. The shift allowed PennDOT's contractor to begin demolition and reconstruction of the existing westbound pavement, shoulder, and bridges.



Last fall, crews removed the existing westbound asphalt (*see above*), started concrete pavement removal, and began demolition of the westbound sections of the bridges carrying U.S. 422 over Porter Road and Sanatoga Road/Sanatoga Creek (*see below*).

Work this winter will focus on building abutments and piers for the two replacement bridges, installing a new stormwater drainage system, sound wall construction, and highway sign upgrades along westbound U.S. 422.



Excavation for the new westbound travel lanes and shoulder has started and will continue throughout the winter.

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.