

Market Street Bridges Construction Update: Fall 2026

Demolition Underway on Market Street Bridge over I-76

Fall 2026 – The first stage of demolition (see *below*) of the Market Street Bridge over Interstate 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) began in early October with a full closure of the expressway and the intersection of Market Street and Schuylkill Avenue on the west side of the river.



PennDOT's contractor began demolition and replacement of a portion of the structure during a weekend closure in early October. Subsequent bi-directional closures of the interstate and the intersection will continue with the removal of the existing bridge and preparations for additional weekend closures in spring 2027.

Overnight closures of eastbound and/or westbound I-76 will take place Monday through Thursday nights this fall. Those weeknight closures will allow crews to prepare for upcoming weekend closures of the interstate to remove additional sections of the bridge's larger structural components.

Also this fall, repairs are being made to a number of structural components on the Walnut Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River. The contractor will be implementing nighttime single-lane closures to replace expansion joints on the bridge between 22nd and 33rd streets.

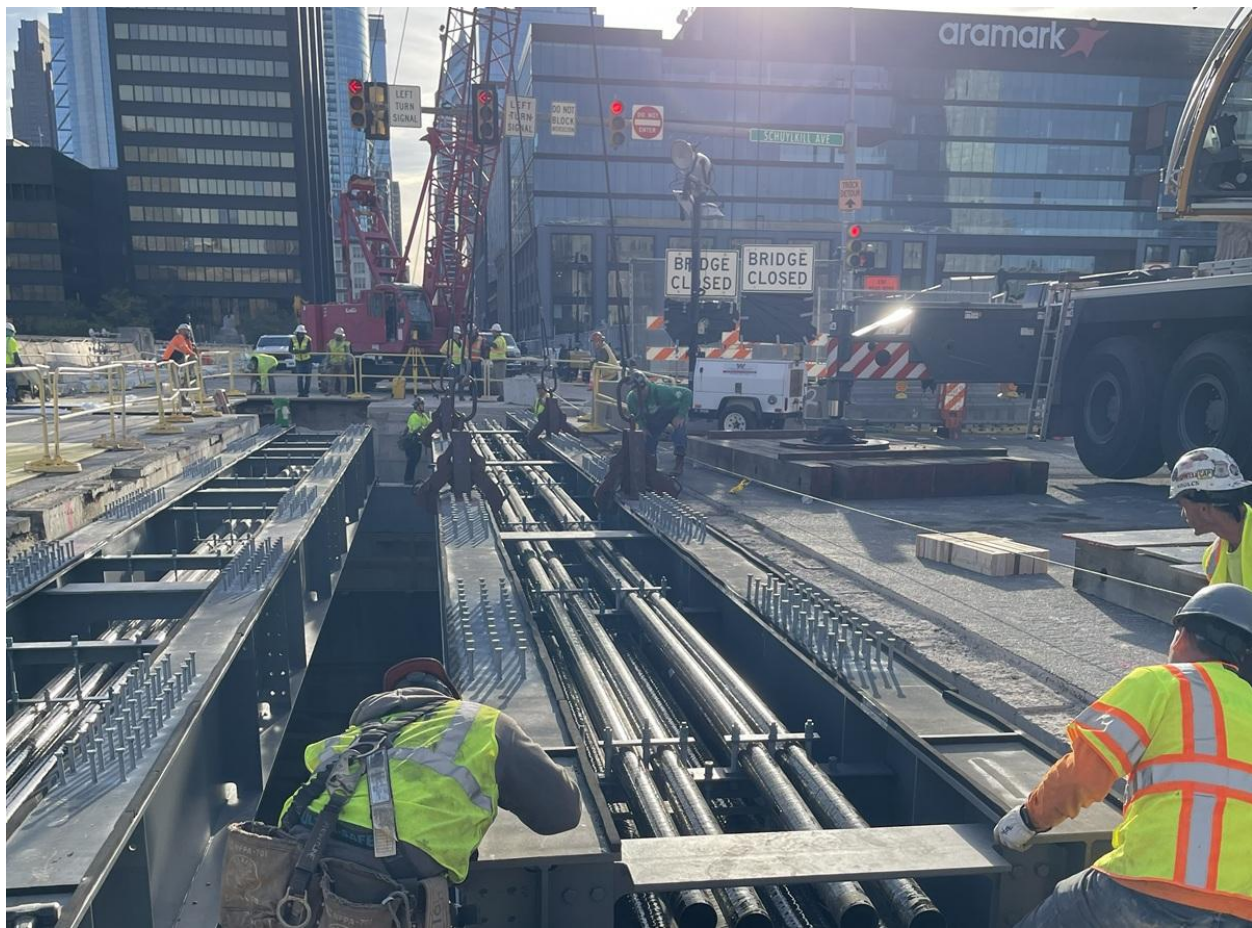
As work advances on replacing the bridge over the expressway, daytime construction will continue to focus on repairs to the adjacent Market Street Bridge over the river, which remains closed to vehicles and cyclists. The contractor will remove the bridge deck and sidewalk to perform structural repairs to the inside of the two-span historic arch bridge.

The contractor will also relocate power and fiber optic cables on Market Street between Schuylkill Avenue and 23rd Street as part of the bridge rehabilitation.



Later this year, the Schuylkill River Trail on the east side of the river will be partially closed and detoured below Chestnut Street for bulkhead repairs.

One sidewalk will remain open for pedestrian access on the Market Street river crossing during construction except during weekends next spring when work is underway on the bridge over I-76.



The work is being done under the PennDOT's \$148.9 million project to rehabilitate or replace the bridges that carry Market Street over Interstate 76, the Schuylkill River, the Schuylkill River Trail, and CSX Railroad in Center City Philadelphia.

The entire project is expected to be completed in early 2029.

Under this contract:

- The Market Street bridge over Amtrak and I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) near 30th Street will be replaced.
- The deteriorated deck and sidewalks of the Market Street bridge over the Schuylkill River will be replaced.
- The four-span Market Street bridge over the Schuylkill River Trail and CSX Railroad on the east side of the river will be replaced.
- A two-way bicycle lane with concrete separators will be installed and connected to the existing bicycle facilities at 23rd Street. A bicycle signal will be installed at Market Street and Schuylkill Avenue West.
- Preservation improvements will be made to the Walnut Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River, and Walnut Street will be repaved between 33rd and 22nd streets.

- A parking-protected bicycle lane will be installed on Walnut Street from 33rd Street to 22nd Street where parking exists.
- Modifications and upgrades will also be made to traffic signals, signing, and lighting in the project area.

Buckley & Company Inc., of Philadelphia, is the general contractor. The project is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

For more information, please visit www.marketstreetbridges.com.