

Market Street River Bridge Rehabilitation Set to Begin in Late Summer

Summer 2026 – Reconstruction of the Market Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River is expected to get underway in late summer following America's 250th Birthday activities in and around Philadelphia.



After utility work wraps up in August on Market Street west of the river, Market Street will be closed for about 14 months to vehicles between 23rd Street and Schuylkill Avenue on the west side of the river. Work will begin to remove the existing concrete deck and begin rehabilitation of the historic river bridge's deteriorated structural components.

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 on the Market Street river crossing during construction for pedestrian access.



Construction on the Market Street Bridge over Interstate 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) also will resume in late summer. Overnight closures Sundays through Thursdays will be in place on eastbound I-76 during the work to update lighting and utilities on the underside of the overpass. Eastbound I-76 traffic will be detoured at 30th Street, around 30th Street Station to Market Street, then left on Market Street to a right on Schuylkill Avenue to the ramp back to eastbound I-76 at Walnut Street.

The work is being done under the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) \$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 superstructure on the Market Street bridge over Amtrak and Interstate 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 also will be made to traffic signals, signage, and lighting in the project area.

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