



Sellers Avenue Bridge over AMTRAK Reconstruction

Fact Sheet

Overview:

- Project start: September 13, 2023
- Project end (expected): Summer 2027
- Designer: GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
- Contractor: Road-Con, Inc.
- Cost: \$9.8 million
- Bridge originally built: 1904
- Bridge reconstructed: 1952
- Average daily traffic (as of July 2022): 3,400 vehicles



Timeline:

- July 20, 2022 – Sellers Avenue bridge was closed and detoured due to serious deterioration discovered during an inspection.
- Spring 2023 – Project was contracted to Road-Con Inc., of Chester County.
- September 13, 2023 – Construction began on a temporary pedestrian bridge over the AMTRAK train tracks.
- August 15, 2024 – Utility construction began.
- Fall 2024 – Bridge construction began.
- April 23, 2026 – A new, permanent, sidewalk reopened for pedestrians.
- October 15, 2026 – The bridge was reopened for vehicles.
- 2027 – Work will continue into 2027.



Scope of Work:

- The superstructure of the bridge was replaced with a 75-foot-long concrete box beam bridge, while reusing the existing stone abutments. A solid face barrier capped with curved fencing on the barrier was installed on the bridge.
- The new bridge consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes and sidewalks on both sides.
- Approach road improvements include pavement replacement, mill and overlay of the existing pavement, and drainage improvements.
- Signal improvements at the intersection of Sellers Avenue and Swarthmore Avenue brought the signal layout up to current standards. Emergency preemptive equipment was installed at the Sellers Avenue and Swarthmore Avenue intersection and the East Ridley Avenue and Swarthmore Avenue intersection.
- ADA ramps were installed.
- Sellers Avenue Bridge is an historic bridge within the Ridley Park Historic District. The large stone masonry abutments were rehabilitated and reused to support the new superstructure. Granite curbs and ornamental lighting fixtures (replaced in kind) were installed as part of the project's construction scope. Historic railroad plaques were also restored and will be reinstalled on the new bridge.