

## Community Toolkit

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is replacing the aging Commercial Street Bridge on I-376 Parkway East to improve safety, reliability, and mobility for Pittsburgh commuters. To complete this work efficiently and minimize prolonged disruptions, PennDOT will employ Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques, **requiring a full closure of the Parkway East for approximately 25 consecutive days.**

The content in this toolkit focuses on raising awareness of this closure within the surrounding communities. The community toolkit includes sample social media posts, newsletter/email blast content, and a printable flyer for municipalities and community organizations to use as they see fit to alert residents and members of the upcoming work.

If you have questions or would like to request additional promotional materials for this project, visit the project website at [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge) or contact the project team at [CommStBridgeProject@pa.gov](mailto:CommStBridgeProject@pa.gov).

### How to Share Social Media Posts

The prepared text and graphics are ready to use in social media posts. Please follow these step-by-step instructions on how to post to your social media channels.

1. Download the image by right-clicking the image and saving it to your desktop.
2. Log in to the appropriate social media site with your organization's credentials.
3. Copy and paste the text into the post.
4. Upload the saved image from your desktop to the post.
5. Share the post.
6. Repeat as needed for multiple posts on different social media sites.
7. If applicable, pin the post to the top of your profile page for increased visibility.

If you are unsure how to post on different social media platforms, please follow the links below for instructions directly from the platforms.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)

*Note: The proposed months are general guidance. We encourage you to consult PennDOT's [Greater Pittsburgh Area PennDOT Facebook site](#) for exact posting dates.*

## Social Media Content

### Post 1 – Awareness (February 2026)

Heads up, Pittsburgh! 🚧

The Commercial Street Bridge on I-376 Parkway East will be replaced using Accelerated Bridge Construction. Expect a full closure for about 25 days this summer. Tentative closure dates are July 10 – August 3, 2026.

Plan ahead, sign up for alerts and stay informed:  
[pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)

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**Commercial Street Bridge is being REPLACED!**

**25-DAY CLOSURE**  
July 10 - August 3, 2026  
(tentative)

**INTERSTATE 376**

I-376 Parkway East, Between Squirrel Hill Tunnel and Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 77)

**PLAN AHEAD! VISIT: [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)**

### Post 2 – Safety & Planning (March 2026)

Coming this Summer! 🔔

I-376 Parkway East will close between the Squirrel Hill Tunnel and Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 77) interchange for the Commercial Street Bridge replacement. Tentative closure dates are July 10 – August 3, 2026. Plan your route now, sign up for alerts and learn more at [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)

**INTERSTATE 376**

**I-376 CLOSURE COMING THIS SUMMER!**  
Between Squirrel Hill Tunnel and Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 77)

The Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project requires a 25-day closure, tentatively planned for July 10 - August 3, 2026.

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# I-376 | PARKWAY EAST Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project

## Post 3 – Community Reminder (April 2026)

Big Changes Coming to Parkway East this Summer! 🚧

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Tentative closure dates are July 10 – August 3, 2026. Learn more about the project, sign up for alerts and plan your route:

[pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)



## Post 4 – Summer Travel Reminder (May 2026)

Plan Your Summer Travel! 🚦

The Commercial Street Bridge project has a major detour on I-376 Parkway East coming this summer. Tentative closure dates are July 10 – August 3, 2026.

Now is the time to download the 511PA mobile app and plan accordingly.

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## Newsletter Content



Commercial Street Bridge is being **REPLACED!**

**PLAN AHEAD** for a **25-DAY CLOSURE**



**WHERE:** I-376 Parkway East,  
Between Squirrel Hill Tunnel and Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 77)

**WHEN:** July 10 - August 3, 2026 (tentative)



### Plan Ahead: Commercial Street Bridge Replacement

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#### Closure Details:

- Where: I-376 between Squirrel Hill Tunnel and Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 77)
- When: July 10 – August 3, 2026\* (\*dates subject to change)

Expect heavy delays and significant congestion.

#### Stay Informed:

- Dial 511 or download the 511PA mobile app
- For real-time traffic updates: [511PA.com](https://www.511PA.com)
- For project updates or sign up for Parkway East alerts: [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)



**EXPECT HEAVY DELAYS**  
Detour routes will experience significant congestion.  
Use alternate routes as able.



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**TO PLAN YOUR ROUTE:** [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](https://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge)



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## Website Content

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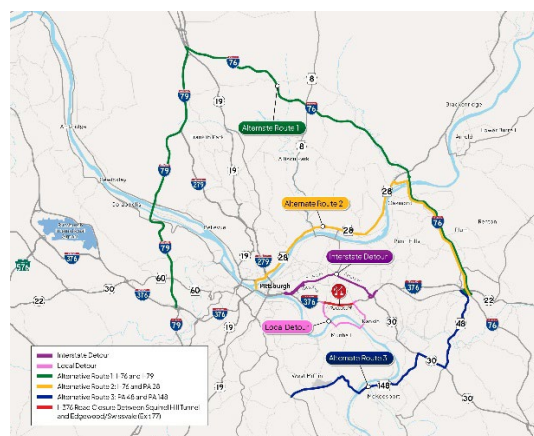
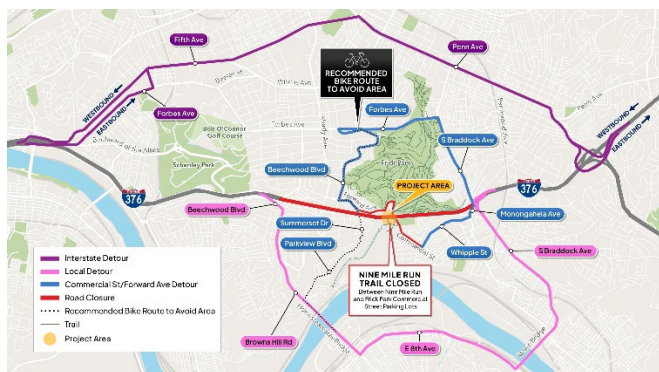
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#### Map Reference Files:



## Teleworking & Carpooling Content

For 25 days from July 10, 2026 – August 3, 2026\*, I-376 will be closed in both directions to allow PennDOT to slide the new I-376 Commercial Street Bridge into place.

PennDOT recommends that employers in the area directly affected by the closure and near the detour/alternative routes allow flexibility to their employees, including remote/telework, where possible, and adjusted start/end times to avoid peak traffic.

For employees who must work in person, carpooling or using public transit is highly recommended.

The following graphics can be used for internal or external communications to bring awareness to this closure and your company's participation in alternative work and commuting during these 25 days.

*\*\*Unforeseen issues may arise during the project. While we will do our best to mitigate, these dates are subject to change.*

## Sample Employee Email

Dear Team,

Beginning July 10, 2026, a major section of I-376 Parkway East will be fully closed for approximately 25 days as part of the [Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project](#). Significant delays are anticipated on detour routes. If travel in the area is absolutely necessary, motorists should plan extra travel time and consider alternate routes.

To help minimize disruptions and keep everyone moving safely, we encourage you to consider the following options:

- **Work Remotely or Adjust Your Schedule:** If your role allows, take advantage of remote work options or flexible hours to avoid peak congestion.
- **Carpool or Use Public Transit:** Sharing rides or using transit can reduce traffic and make your commute less stressful. Information about additional Park & Ride locations will be available at [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](http://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge).
- **Plan Ahead:** Review detour maps, allow extra travel time, and consider rescheduling non-essential in-person meetings during the closure period.

Your cooperation will help ease traffic demand and keep the region moving during this critical infrastructure improvement. For more details and updates, visit the project website at [pa.gov/CommercialStBridge](http://pa.gov/CommercialStBridge).