Project Summary
The 59th Street Bridge was built in the 1920s and provides a connection between the Wynnewfield and Overbrook neighborhoods in West Philadelphia, crossing over the Amtrak and SEPTA regional rail lines. To ensure its safety, the City will replace the bridge with a structurally sound and visually pleasing bridge that meets the needs of all transportation users (motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists). The bridge will also be constructed in a way that minimizes disruption to bridge users and the surrounding communities.

Bridge Background
• 310 feet long, 70 feet wide
• Two lanes in both directions, bike lanes on both sides, and 8-foot wide sidewalks on both sides
• Used by pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and SEPTA buses
• North of the bridge are many community facilities, churches, and schools. To the south are Overbrook High School, Tustin Playground, and Lancaster Avenue (U.S. 30), a busy commercial and transportation corridor. Fairmount Park is within a mile to the east. Overbrook Station (SEPTA Regional Rail) is within a mile to the west.

Planned Improvements
• Design and construction of new bridge with reinforced concrete deck, abutments, and piers
• Demolition and removal of existing bridge
• Roadway reconstruction and repaving
• Sidewalk and curb reconstruction
• Improvements to street lighting and traffic signals

What To Expect
• The bridge will remain open to pedestrians throughout the project.
• Traffic detours for cars, trucks, and buses will be necessary during construction.
• Community meetings will be held in each phase of design, beginning in December 2020. Due to COVID-19, the first meeting will be held using a digital platform. Stay tuned for details.
• Regular updates and communications about the project and upcoming meetings.

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