

Falls Bridge over Schuylkill River Rehabilitation

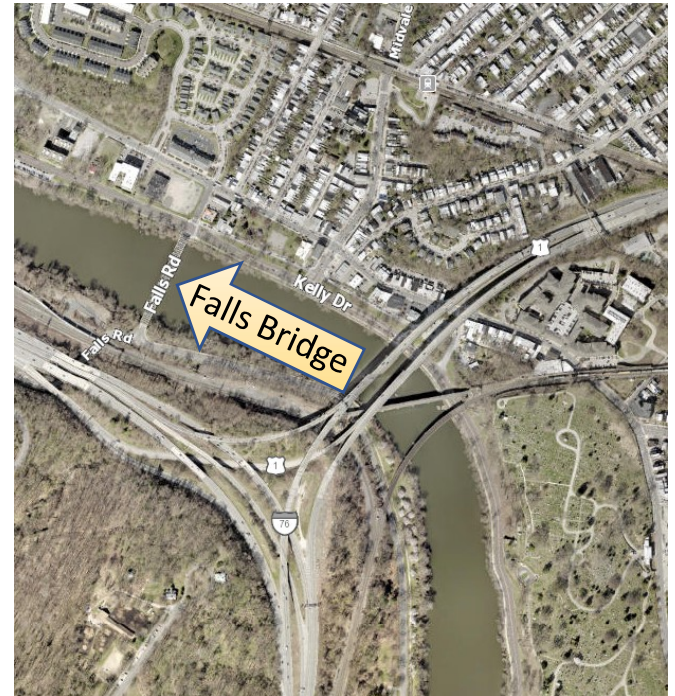
Project Fact Sheet
November 2021

Project Overview:

Falls Bridge was built in 1894 and provides a connection between MLK Jr. Drive and Kelly Drive in Fairmount Park. The bridge crosses over the Schuylkill River. The rehabilitation project will include repairs to the existing truss structure and minor repairs to the substructure. The project will ensure the structural integrity of the bridge while maintaining the function, character, and preserve historic aesthetics of the bridge.



Site Map:



Bridge Background:

- 566' long, 40' wide steel truss bridge
- One lane in each direction, sidewalks on both sides for pedestrians
- Two 11' traffic lanes with 2' shoulders and 6'-11" sidewalks

What to Expect:

- The bridge will be closed to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians during construction
- Vehicular detours will be posted
- Regular updates about the project

Contact:

For more information on the Falls Bridge over Schuylkill River project, please contact us at Falls.Bridge.Rehab@phila.gov.

Planned Improvements:

- Fresh protective coating of paint
- Design and construction of an updated bridge deck support system
- New concrete roadway and sidewalks
- Preserve historic aesthetics
- Upgraded structural elements to extend the life of the bridge

Anticipated Schedule

First Public Open House	Fall 2021
Design Complete	Spring 2023
Construction Begins	Winter 2023