

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: Chestnut (34th - 63rd) Repaving & Safety Project

Spring 2022



WHAT DOES CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE?

- Milling the roadway & repaving with fresh asphalt
- Installing new lane lines & roadway layout
- Installing new crosswalks and flexible delineator posts
- Adding a new parking separated bikeway from 63rd - 45th Streets

WHEN WILL WORK OCCUR?

Construction starts on June 6, 2022, and will move along the 3 mile long project throughout the month of June. Construction will occur during daytime and nighttime hours.

Details for construction on each block, including dates and hours, will be posted on signs on the street.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

This repaving project is an opportunity to make safety improvements. Chestnut Street is a Vision Zero High Injury Network corridor, which means that there is a higher rate of severe traffic crashes than the average Philadelphia street. The project will increase safety by:

- Removing a vehicle lane to calm traffic and reduce the speed of people driving
- Shortening pedestrian crossing distance for people walking
- Adding a parking separated bike lane to nearly 20 blocks to offer a separate space for people biking

342 crashes occurred on Chestnut Street from 2016 to 2020.



351 people
were injured



2 people
were killed

CAN I USE CHESTNUT STREET DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Yes, travel lanes will be open during the majority of construction. Periodic nighttime closures will occur. Remember, Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code defines bicycles as vehicles. People biking are permitted to take the entire lane.

People walking, biking, and driving should follow posted signs, detours, and parking notices during construction.

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PROJECT GOALS

Throughout 2021, city staff met with local neighbors, businesses, commuters, and workers about making Chestnut Avenue safer. Based on what feedback from the community, the new layout will meet the following project goals:

- Create a smoother street surface
- Create shorter and safer pedestrian crossings
- Calm traffic by decreasing aggressive driving
- Increase safety for people riding bikes
- Preserve space for trucks and buses

NEW LAYOUT

