

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: Lehigh Avenue Repaving & Safety Project

Summer 2022

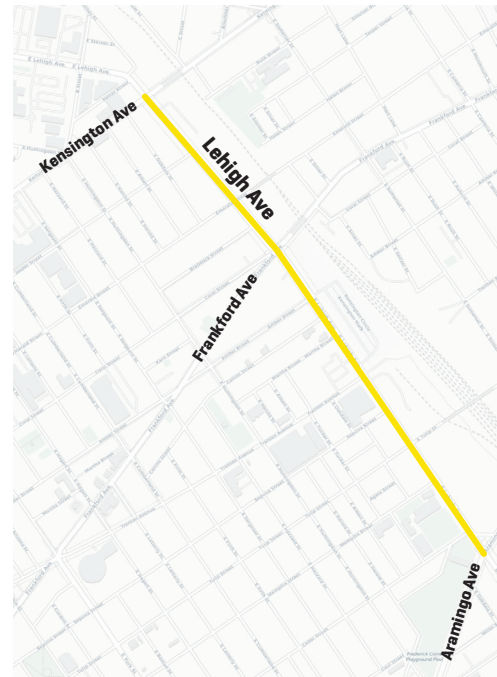
WHAT DOES CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE?

- Milling the roadway & repaving with fresh asphalt
- Installing new lane lines & roadway layout
- Adding a new parking separated bikeway

WHEN WILL WORK OCCUR?

Construction starts on July 20, 2022, and will move from Ridge Avenue to Richmond Street throughout the month of August. There will be specific layout changes in the project area between Kensington Avenue and Aramingo Avenue. 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?

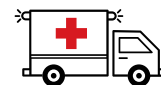
This repaving project is an opportunity to make safety improvements. The project section of Lehigh Avenue is part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network, which means that there is a higher rate of severe traffic crashes here than on the average Philadelphia street. The project will increase safety by:

- Narrowing vehicle lanes
- Adding a parking separated bike lane to over 15 blocks to offer a separate space for people biking

100 crashes occurred in this section from 2016 to 2020.



127 people were injured



1 person was killed

CAN I USE LEHIGH AVENUE DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Yes, travel lanes will be open during the majority of construction. Periodic nighttime lane closures will occur between 7PM and 5AM. 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 Lehigh Avenue safer. Based on what feedback from the community, the new layout will meet the following project goals:

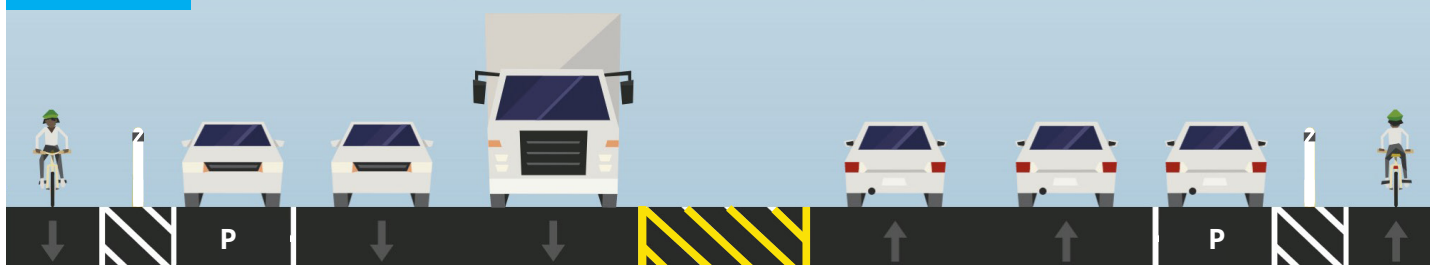
- Create a smoother street surface
- Encourage slower and safer driving along the corridor
- Upgrade painted bike lanes to parking separated
- Improve safety for people walking

PLANNED LAYOUT

EXISTING



PLANNED



Same:

- Two vehicle lanes in each direction
- Parking on each side of the street
- Crosswalks and bus stops

Improved for Safety:

- One-way parking separated bike lane in each direction
- Narrowed travel lanes

Note: This layout only applies to the project boundaries between **Kensington Avenue** and **Aramingo Avenue**, though Lehigh is being repaved between Ridge Avenue and Richmond Street.