

59TH STREET BRIDGE

59th Street Over Amtrak Bridge Replacement

Project Fact Sheet

July 2022

Project Summary

The 59th Street Bridge was built in the 1920s and provides a connection between the Wynnefield 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 along 59th Street, between Lancaster Ave. and Upland Way

Task	Date
Complete Preliminary Engineering	Fall 2022
Traffic Detour Plans	2022
Complete Final Design	Spring 2024
Construction Begins	Fall 2024

Site Map



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.
- Regular updates and communications about the project and upcoming meetings.

Contact

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