



# Project Fact Sheet

The rehabilitation of the 93-year-old Uhlerstown-Frenchtown Toll-Supported Bridge is now underway. The bridge connects the Borough of Frenchtown in Hunterdon County, N.J. with the Uhlerstown section of Tinicum Township in Bucks County, PA.

The six-span riveted steel Warren-truss superstructure was constructed in 1931. It rests on masonry piers and abutments dating from 1842-43. The bridge was last rehabilitated in 2001. Inspections in early 2024 identified a range of issues and deficiencies that need to be addressed in a new rehabilitation. Other improvements/modifications also will be made during the project.

The project's construction contract was awarded in December to low-bidder Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc. of Maplewood, N.J. A separate contract for construction-management/inspections services was awarded to Urban Engineers Incorporated of Cherry Hill, NJ. All project costs ultimately are covered by a portion of tolls the Commission collects at its eight highway toll bridges. (Note: The project does not involve any in-water work.)

## Bridge by the Numbers

**950' 10"**

*Bridge Length*

**16' 6" going to 17' 1"**

*Roadway Width*

**3' 9" going to 5'**

*Walkway Width*

**12' 6"**

*Vertical Clearance*

**15 tons**

*Weight Limit*

**15 MPH**

*Speed Limit*

**1,778,984**

*Vehicles  
Total Traffic  
in 2024*

**4,800**

*Vehicles  
Daily Average  
in 2024*



### Roadway & Walkway widening

Install slimmer-profile guiderails to add 7" to the roadway deck clearance. Expand pedestrian walkway to allow two people to pass.



### Illumination

Replace aging roadway lighting, add walkway-safety lighting, & install an architectural lighting system. Adjustments made after public comment period include environmentally friendly warmer lighting, shift lighting downward, and re-aiming direct-view luminaires downward. Lighting directed onto the structure (*not aimed directly into the sky, river or nearby neighborhoods.*)



### Reduces long-term maintenance

Mitigate major repairs and minimize lane closures for at least 15 years.



### Safety

Improve safety by putting the bridge in a state of good repair.

## Anticipated Travel-Restrictions Timeline



*All future dates are tentative estimates and are subject to change.*



# Scope of Work



✓ Install new roadway lighting and walkway safety lighting

✓ Repair the bridge's abutments, piers, and retaining walls

✓ Install new wider walkway surface and new railings

✓ Upgrade security camera system

✓ Clean and repaint the bridge superstructure

✓ Install a programmable color-changing architectural lighting system

✓ Widen roadway with slimmer guiderails. Repair various elements of the bridge's steel superstructure

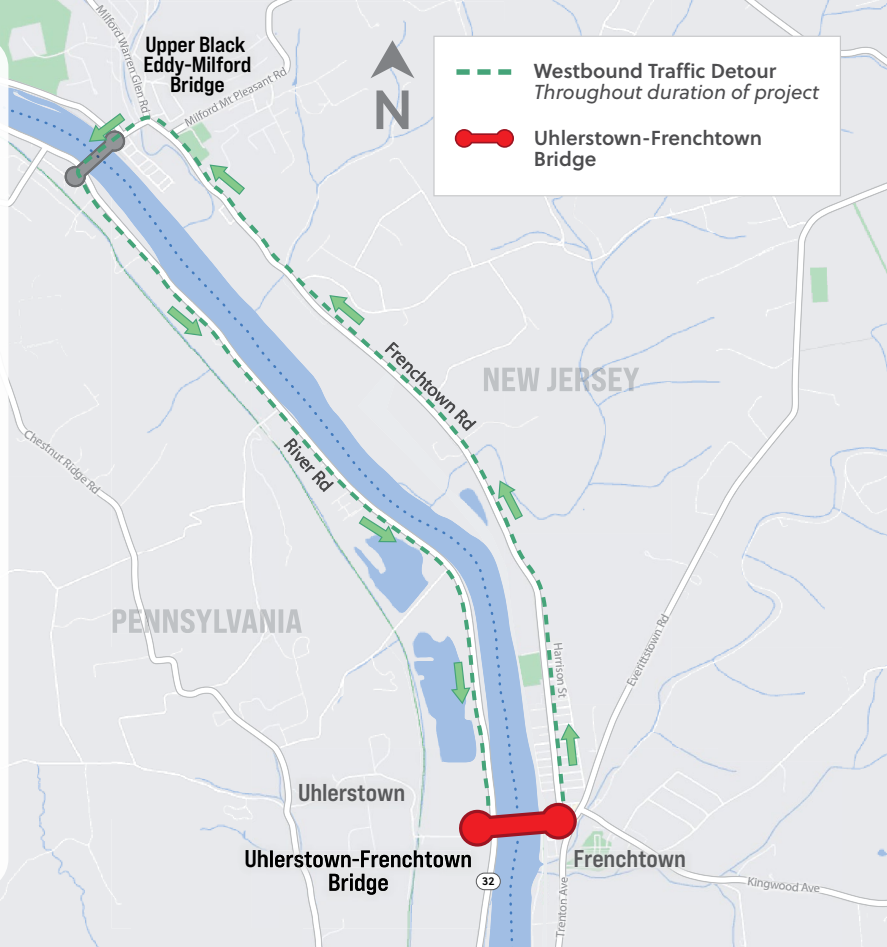
## Anticipated Travel Impacts

• NJ-bound vehicular traffic to be maintained during daytime hours and most nights. PA-bound vehicular traffic detoured 24/7 via the Upper Black Eddy-Milford Bridge to the north for minimum 9 months.

• Walkway must be closed for widening, surface replacement and new railings. Goal is to reopen the walkway for Riverfest in September 2025.



**Construction activities are subject to change.** Modifications to the schedule may become necessary due to weather, emergencies or other factors.



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