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Northeast Extension Reconstruction & Widening Project

Milepost A38 (Clump Road) to A44 (Quakertown Interchange)

Turnpike News

Construction Update: June 2022

Early-stage work underway for widening from north of Lansdale to Quakertown Interchanges

June 30, 2022 – Early-stage construction is underway for the project to complete the reconstruction of the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Northeastern Extension (I-476) from north of the Lansdale Interchange, Exit 31, Montgomery County, approaching the Quakertown Interchange, Exit 44, in Bucks County.



The new work area is situated between mileposts A38 and A44. The current contract, a part of the Turnpike's ongoing program to widen I-476, is a continuation of the reconstruction and widening that was completed in 2021 from mileposts A31, just north of the Lansdale Interchange, and milepost A38, near the Clump Road overpass in Franconia Township. Interstate 476 was widened and improved between the Mid-County Interchange, Exit 20, and the Lansdale Interchange under a contract that was completed in 2017.

Removal of trees and other vegetation, and installation of the project's Erosion and Sediment Controls continues beyond the northbound and southbound shoulders of the new work area.

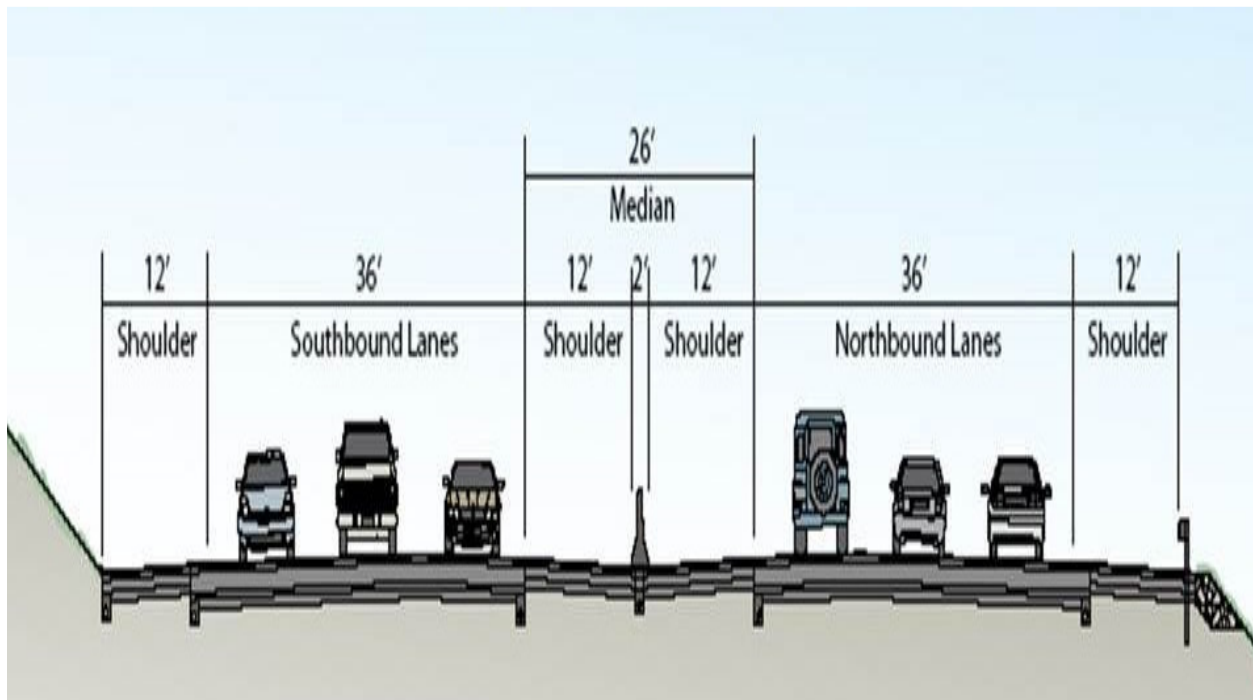
In early June, the Turnpike's contractor began placing temporary construction barriers along the existing northbound and southbound shoulders. Barrier installation will continue through mid-July.



Excavation, the project's first major operation to accommodate the Turnpike widening, is ongoing on both sides in cleared areas at the northern end of the work zone, between mileposts A41.5 and A43.5, where the construction barrier is installed. Excavation and grading of sediment basins 15 and 16 on the southbound side also is currently underway (*see above*).

Controlled blasting to remove rock from the project area is expected to begin later this summer. Traffic paces and short stoppages will occur during these operations.

Construction during this stage is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through November 2023. No long-term lane restrictions are expected during this stage, but occasional nighttime lane closures will be required.



Construction began in April 2022 for the total reconstruction and widening of the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Northeastern Extension (I-476) north of Clump Road (milepost A38) to the Quakertown Interchange (MP 44). The existing four-lane highway (74' wide) will be reconstructed to accommodate six 12-foot travel lanes with 12-foot left and right shoulders and 2' median barrier (122' wide).

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