

MP 312-316 Construction Update: Spring 2026

Roadway Grading, Bridge Construction Continue This Spring

Spring 2026 – Work this spring focuses on preparing the center area of the Turnpike to be paved, and construction of the center sections of three new bridges under Stage 3 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission’s project to reconstruct and widen I-76 between mileposts 312 and 316 in Upper Uwchlan, Uwchlan, West Pikeland, and Charlestown townships, in Chester County.



Over the winter, work crews completed crushing the excavated concrete pavement onsite for reuse as the subbase for the new pavement in the center area of I-76. The recycled material is placed on graded sections of the roadway (*see above*) in advance of paving that is scheduled to begin in April.

Abutment walls for the center area of the new Turnpike bridge over Conestoga Road (*see below*) are expected to be completed this spring, with deck construction to follow in May.



Further west, deck beams were placed this winter on the new bridge over Upper Pine Creek Road, and placement of the bridge's concrete deck (see below-right) is anticipated to finish in early spring.

Bridge deck construction began in late winter for the new bridge over the ramps at the Downingtown Interchange (see *bottom photo*) at the western limits of the project and is expected to be completed in early spring.

Additionally, the new stormwater drainage system for the center area of I-76 is expected to be completed in May.

Pine Creek Road in Uwchlan Township remains closed until the completion of the new bridge in 2026. This deviation from the original plan to reopen the road temporarily between construction stages is due to safety concerns, given the narrowness of the existing structure and the ongoing heavy construction in the area. Motorists will detour to Worthington Road, Newcomen Road, Conestoga Road, and then Upper Pine Creek Road. The road is expected to reopen to traffic in July.

This project is anticipated to be substantially completed in late 2026.

Nightly lane closures and ramp stoppages will be in place periodically this spring on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. the following morning in both directions on the Turnpike for construction of the new ramps at the Downingtown Interchange.

Bridges over the Turnpike within the project limits — Bodine Road and Valley Hill Road (SR 1021) — were replaced during a previous contract from 2010 to 2013. These advanced bridge replacements will reduce the amount of time needed to complete mainline reconstruction.



Message boards providing notifications of upcoming road closures will be set up prior to the start of additional local detours. Closures and detours also will be announced through news releases to local media, posted on the project website, and sent to the project's email subscribers.

For questions about ongoing construction or other issues related to this project, email us at Tpk312-316@bergcomm.com, or call Toll Free at **866-528-4181**.