

MP 312-316 Construction Update: Spring 2025

Excavation, Wall Construction, Paving Underway This Spring

Spring 2025 – Large-scale excavation, retaining wall construction, and paving on both sides of the Turnpike (I-76) continue this spring as the Turnpike Commission's \$214 million project to widen and reconstruct I-76 between mileposts 312 and 316 in Upper Uwchlan, Uwchlan, West Pikeland, and Charlestown townships, in Chester County enters its second year of construction.



Beginning at the terminus of the new eastbound on-ramp at the Downingtown Interchange, base paving is placed on a section of the eastbound side (*see above*). Excavation and paving operations will continue intermittently in the eastern direction until completion in early fall.

Paving operations also continue in the westbound direction beginning at the eastern limits of the project (MP 316) and are expected to be finished in late fall.



Once paving is completed, traffic will shift onto the new outer lanes to allow for center area construction.

The outer portions of the new bridges at the Downingtown Interchange and over Upper Pine Creek Road (see *below*) and Conestoga Road are completed. The middle portions will be constructed after the traffic shift.

Construction of 11 of the 12 retaining walls has also been completed. The final wall on the eastbound side of the Turnpike is expected to be finished by late spring.

On the westbound side of I-76, posts for soundwalls have been installed (see *bottom picture*). Panels will be installed this spring, followed by final grading.



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 additional heavy construction work that will remain ongoing in the area. Motorists will detour to Worthington Road, Newcomen Road, Conestoga Road, and then Upper Pine Creek Road.

Nightly lane closures 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 2010-2013. 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**.