

MP 312-316 Construction Update: Summer 2026

Paving, Barrier Installation Underway This Summer

Summer 2026 – Construction crews will continue paving the new eastbound and westbound lanes and installing the center median barrier (see *below*) this summer 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.



Excavation and grading were mostly completed this spring, allowing the Turnpike's contractor to begin paving operations on the eastbound and westbound sides of the highway. With the base layer of pavement in place at approximately 70% of the work area, workers began placing the binding course. Wearing course paving, the top layer of pavement that vehicles drive on, is expected to begin in mid-July. Once the final layer of asphalt is completed in mid-September, pavement markings will be painted on the three new widened lanes.

The substructures of all three new Turnpike bridges over Conestoga Road, Upper Pine Creek Road, and the Downingtown Interchange were also completed in early spring, allowing the contractor to install the bridge's concrete decks. Parapet construction and approach slab paving were completed in late spring.

The new stormwater drainage system for the project was also completed this spring.



Pine Creek Road in Uwchlan Township reopened on Friday, June 19, 2026, one month earlier than anticipated. The road was closed for approximately 2.5 years to allow for the construction of the new Turnpike bridge. Miscellaneous daily single lane closures and single-day full detours may take place during the final phases of construction.

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

Daily lane closures and ramp stoppages will be in place on weekdays starting in mid-July in both directions on the Turnpike for final wearing course paving and the 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**.