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Hawk Falls Construction Update: Fall 2026

Bridge Demolition Complete, Roadway Work This Fall

Fall 2026 – With construction substantially completed on the new Hawk Falls Bridge and Hickory Run Bridge, the Pennsylvania Turnpike's contractor will focus on the continued removal of the old Hawk Falls Bridge this fall. Demolition of the old bridge marks a major milestone in the PA Turnpike's $88 million project to replace the existing Hawk Falls Bridge with a 720' signature steel deck arch structure.

Throughout the summer, workers began dismantling the old Hawk Falls Bridge piece by piece. The center span of the old Hawk Falls Bridge was demolished in early October *(see below)*. Work to remove the remaining structural steel and piers is expected to continue through Thanksgiving. Click here to read the PA Turnpike's press release for more information about the demolition.



The contractor is expected to have the construction easement in Hickory Run Park restored and the site cleanup finished in the spring. This includes reestablishing disturbed areas with native trees and grasses.

Workers completed paving the approaches to the new bridges this fall, then shifted traffic into the final configuration. Additional roadway work requiring lane and shoulder closures will continue through next spring as crews work on reclaiming the temporary roadway, replacing it with green space; repairing an additional mile of roadway north of the fulldepth roadway replacement; and milling and paving the work zone to eliminate "ghost lines"—temporary pavement markings that were removed but are still visible.



Work crews also completed painting the parapets and abutments on the new Hickory Run Bridge (*see above*) and completed slope stabilization. Hickory Run Road is slated to be paved in the coming weeks.

As part of completing the approach roadway, a new permanent median barrier was also installed throughout the work zone over the summer. The new dynamic message sign, now providing messaging for both northbound and southbound traffic, is fully active.



The old roadway alignment is being transformed into permanent stormwater drainage systems that include rain gardens and swales. This work will continue through 2027.

Construction began in early 2022 and the entire project is anticipated to be done by August 2027, as construction activities are wrapped up.

The new bridges over Mud Run and Route 534 are four lanes wide with six-foot medians and 12-foot shoulders. The main bridge replaces the existing 738-foot-long truss bridge with a tied-arch structure.



Photo: Water detention basins (rain gardens) capture all stormwater within the new roadway alignment. A total of five basins will be built as part of this project.

The new Hickory Run Road bridge replaces the existing three span bridge with a one span structure, providing a more open feel for travelers on the surface road below.

Trumbull Corporation is the PA Turnpike's general contractor for this project.