

# Hawk Falls Construction Update: Spring 2026

## *Work Underway This Spring to Finish New Bridge Over Route 534, Hawk Falls Bridge Approaches*

**Spring 2026** – Construction crews this spring are focused on completing the Turnpike bridge over Hickory Run Road (Route 534) and associated roadway work on the northern and southern approaches. Completion of these tasks will lead to an interim traffic switch that will finally move southbound traffic onto the new 720-foot Hawk Falls Bridge that carries the Turnpike's Northeast Extension (I-476) over the Mud Run Gorge at milepost A88.6 in Carbon County.



Turnpike motorists may encounter periodic northbound or southbound lane closures during this stage of work.

Following the traffic shift, which is expected later this spring, crews will begin demolition of the old structure and complete the roadway tie-ins to the new approaches.

The entire project, with a construction cost of \$88 million in toll-supported funds, is anticipated to be done by fall 2026 as the final drainage basins and minor construction activities are wrapped up.



Northbound Turnpike traffic was shifted onto the new bridges over Hawk Falls and the adjacent replacement bridge over Hickory Run Road (Route 534) last fall.

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.



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.

Construction began in early 2022.

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