

Hawk Falls Construction Update: Summer 2026

Bridges Open To Traffic, Focus Shifts to Roadway Completion

Summer 2026 – The Turnpike’s contractor substantially completed construction of the new Hickory Run Road (Route 534) bridges this spring.

Workers completed construction of the southbound side of the Hickory Run Road Bridge in early May. This was followed by a traffic shift that placed two lanes of southbound traffic on both the new 720-foot-long bridge over the Mud Run Gorge and the Hickory Run Bridge.



On the Hawk Falls Bridge, electrical work was completed, providing lighting inside the arch ribs, where work is continuing.

Workers in early summer will finish painting the bridges’ parapets and abutments, and complete slope stabilization.

Grading and stormwater drainage installation at the approaches of the Hawk Falls Bridge are anticipated to be completed in mid-July, followed by paving in August.

Traffic disruptions will continue in the fall as crews complete work in the median area, where southbound traffic is currently running. All traffic is expected to be in final configuration by fall 2026.



In the vicinity of the old bridges, excavation has begun for the permanent stormwater system. Work on the rain gardens and swales will likely continue into the 2027 growing season.

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.