



POND EDDY NEWS

Your source for progress reports on the
Pond Eddy Bridge Replacement

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Pond Eddy Bridge crosses the Upper Delaware River to connect the village of Pond Eddy, Pennsylvania with the town of Lumberland, New York. The Pond Eddy Bridge Replacement project is progressing through the final design process with construction anticipated to begin in Summer 2016.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

At this time, PennDOT is proposing that the Pond Eddy Bridge be replaced in four major construction stages using an in-stream causeway, which is a temporary rock platform extending into the river for construction access. The new bridge will be located 55 feet upstream of the existing bridge. Throughout construction of the new bridge, the existing bridge from Pond Eddy to Lumberland will remain open to vehicular traffic; however, short term traffic control operations, including lane shifts, flagging operations, and minor detour routes, will be implemented on the existing roads on both sides of the Upper Delaware River during construction.

Based on the concept that is currently being advanced with the permitting agencies, we anticipate the following: A rock access road will be constructed from NY Route 97 to the rock causeway that will be placed in the Upper Delaware River to accommodate the construction of the new bridge and the removal of the existing bridge. The causeway provides access for crews and equipment to work on support piers, abutments, and other bridge components within the waterway. Construction crews will shift the position of the causeway as the new bridge is constructed; however, approximately half of the river will be open to boating traffic and wildlife for the entire construction project. In-stream work will be restricted in the spring of each construction season to accommodate American Shad/Eel migration. Shifting the causeway allows boaters to safely pass through the area and water flow to be maintained. The causeway and access road will be removed at the end of construction. The accompanying graphic provides an overview of the anticipated construction stages that are proposed pending the required permit approvals needed for construction.

Summer 2016 - Fall 2017



Spring 2018 - Fall 2018



Winter 2018 - Spring 2019



Summer 2019



Fall 2019



A Pre-Construction Informational Session is planned for late 2015. Details on the meeting will be announced in the next newsletter.

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MILESTONES & CURRENT ACTIVITIES

This spring, the Project Team is finalizing design plans and working with agencies to receive the required environmental permits. Residents may see the Project Team and agency staff at the bridge and in the surrounding area.

WE ARE HERE

Historic Resource Review Completed

Spring 2012

Environmental Review Completed

Summer 2013

Field Survey

Summer 2014

Preliminary Engineering Design Approval

Fall 2014

Right-of-Way Process Begins

Winter 2014/15

Agency Coordination on Environmental Permits

Spring 2015

Final Design Approval

Winter 2015/16

Construction Bids Accepted

Spring 2016

Construction Starts

Summer 2016

COORDINATING CONSTRUCTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AGENCIES

As the final design of the new bridge advances, the Project Team continues to work closely with environmental resource agencies to avoid and minimize impacts to the Upper Delaware River, a designated National Wild and Scenic River, as well as an important outdoor recreation destination. The Project Team conducted a second on-site field view with the National Park Service (NPS) and PA Department of Environmental Protection in August 2014. In addition, the Project Team has continued to coordinate efforts with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Upper Delaware Council, and potential construction contractors. Through this close coordination, the Project Team developed the causeway design, which minimizes impacts to environmental resources while maintaining boater safety and construction access. A Boater Safety/Aids to Navigation (ATON) plan is being developed in coordination with the NPS and the PA Fish and Boat Commission, which will include signage, buoys, access points, and warnings located both upstream and downstream of the project area, alerting boaters to the construction. The Project Team is also coordinating with the NPS to provide a project update to area outfitters in the spring of 2015 and environmental permits are being prepared for approval from state and federal environmental resource agencies.

HISTORIC RESOURCES UPDATE

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania marketed the Pond Eddy Bridge, and, although it received much attention locally and nationally, no interested party bid on the bridge for an adaptive re-use. Once in construction, the bridge will be disassembled and recycled for another use. PennDOT recently completed recordation of the historic bridge, which included large format photography and documentation of the bridge's history. This documentation was prepared in compliance with the NPS Historic American Buildings Survey/ Historic American Engineering Record standards and it will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Pike County for archiving.



The Upper Delaware River is a designated National Wild and Scenic River and an outdoor recreation destination.

Questions or concerns: Please contact Sue Williams, Senior Civil Engineer Supervisor, PennDOT District 4 at 570-963-4253 or email susawillia@pa.gov.

MEET THE TEAM

- PennDOT
- NYSDOT
- FHWA
- SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- McCormick Taylor
- Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Dawood Engineering, Inc.
- Skelly and Loy, Inc.
- Interstate Acquisition Services, Inc.