

59TH STREET BRIDGE

59th Street Over Amtrak Bridge Replacement

Project Fact Sheet

December 2020

Project Summary

The 59th Street Bridge was built in the 1920s and provides a connection between the Wynnefield and Overbrook neighborhoods in West Philadelphia, crossing over the Amtrak and SEPTA regional rail lines. To ensure its safety, the City will replace the bridge with a structurally sound and visually pleasing bridge that meets the needs of all transportation users (motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists). The bridge will also be constructed in a way that minimizes disruption to bridge users and the surrounding communities.

Bridge Background

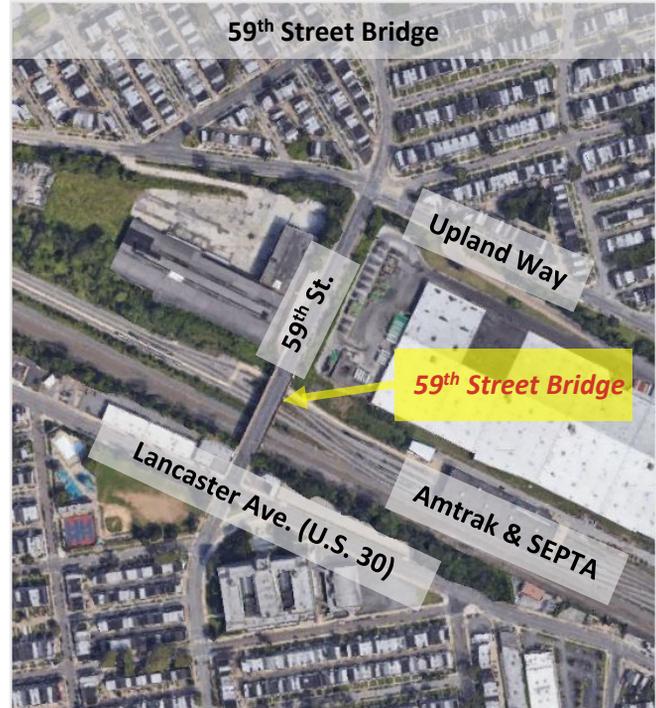
- 310 feet long, 70 feet wide
- Two lanes in both directions, bike lanes on both sides, and 8-foot wide sidewalks on both sides
- Used by pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and SEPTA buses
- North of the bridge are many community facilities, churches, and schools. To the south are Overbrook High School, Tustin Playground, and Lancaster Avenue (U.S. 30), a busy commercial and transportation corridor. Fairmount Park is within a mile to the east. Overbrook Station (SEPTA Regional Rail) is within a mile to the west.

Planned Improvements

- Design and construction of new bridge with reinforced concrete deck, abutments, and piers
- Demolition and removal of existing bridge
- Roadway reconstruction and repaving
- Sidewalk and curb reconstruction
- Improvements to street lighting and traffic signals

Task	Date
Complete Preliminary Engineering	Summer 2021
Traffic Detour Plans	2021
Complete Final Design	Summer 2022
Construction Begins	Early 2023

Site Map



What To Expect

- The bridge will **remain open to pedestrians** throughout the project.
- Traffic detours for cars, trucks, and buses will be necessary during construction.
- Community meetings will be held in each phase of design, beginning in December 2020. Due to COVID-19, the first meeting will be held using a digital platform. Stay tuned for details.
- Regular updates and communications about the project and upcoming meetings.

Contact

For more information on the 59th St. Over Amtrak Bridge Replacement Department of Streets project, email us at 59th.Bridge.Project@Phila.gov.