

Transportation Priority Projects in Chester County

Status – January 2021

Highway & Trail Projects

Project	Scope	Cost (millions)	Current Status/Phase	Anticipated Construction
US 202 at PA 926	Intersection improvements	3.6	Preliminary Engineering	Fall 2022
US 202 Section 100	Operational improvements	TBD	Seeking Funding	TBD
Darby Road Extension: North Valley Road over Amtrak Bridge	Replacement and relocation of Valley Road bridge	24.5	ROW / Utility	2022-2025
US 1: MD/PA Line to PA 472	Reconstruction	41.6	Preliminary Engineering	2026-2028
US 1: PA 472 to PA 896	Reconstruction	54.4	Preliminary Engineering / ROW	2023-2024
US 1: PA 896 to PA 41	Reconstruction	75.6	Preliminary Engineering	2026-2027
US 1: PA 41 to School House Road	Reconstruction	82.5	Preliminary Engineering	2021-2023
PA Turnpike: Valley Forge Interchange to Valley Forge Road	Widening to six lanes	125.0	Final Design	2022-2024
PA Turnpike: Valley Forge Road to PA 29	Widening to six lanes	245.0	Final Design	TBD
PA Turnpike: PA 29 to Downingtown	Widening to six lanes	200.0	Final Design	2023-2027
PA Turnpike: Downingtown to Morgantown	Widening to six lanes	350.0	Preliminary Engineering	2024-2030
PA 41 at SR 926 Improvements	Roundabout	2.3	Preliminary Engineering	2021-2023
PA 41 at PA 841 Improvements	Roundabout	5.5	Preliminary Engineering	2022-2023
PA 41 at State Road Improvements	Intersection improvements	6.8	Final Design / ROW / Utility	2022-2024
PA 896 Corridor Safety Improvements	Land and shoulder widening; installation of left turn lanes; roundabout at PA 841, et al	7.1	Final Design	2022-2023
PA 10 Safety Improvements	Shoulder widening	0.2	Preliminary Engineering	End of 2022
Schuylkill River Trail	Completion of multi-use trail from Linfield Road to 422 EB ramp at PA 724. Paving existing	9.0	Construction	Complete by end of 2021

	trail between Township Line Road and Linfield Road			
Chester Valley Trail Extension to Downingtown	Completion of multi-use trail from Exton to Thorndale	23.0	ROW Acquisition	2024-2030
Chester Valley Trail West	Completion of trail from Downingtown to Atglen	36.0	Seeking Funding	2023-2030
Struble Trail Extension	Completion of multi-use trail from Marsh Creek State Park to Reeds Road	1.5	Seeking Funding	2022
Howellville Road over Norfolk Southern bridge	Bridge replacement	2.4	Construction	Spring 2021

Public Transportation

A. Paoli station

Phase	Cost (millions)	Status	Anticipated Construction
1 – ADA Phase	36.0	Complete	Complete 2019
2 – North Valley Road bridge over Amtrak	24.5	ROW / Utility	2022-2025
3 – Parking Garage/Intermodal	51.2	Planning / Seeking Funding	2026-2032



Figure 1 - Paoli Station Concept Plan. Source: PennDOT / Michael Baker

B. Exton station

Phase	Cost (millions)	Status	Anticipated Construction
1 – High-level Platforms/Station	24.4	Complete	Complete
2 – Bus Loops, parking expansion	38.6	Planning / Seeking Funding	2026-2032



Figure 2 - Exton Station Phase 1. Source: PennDOT

C. Coatesville station

Phase	Cost (millions)	Status	Anticipated Construction
1 – Third Ave. Streetscape	1.0	Complete	Complete
2 – 4 th Avenue Streetscape	1.0	Complete	Complete
3 – Station and Platforms	55.0	Final Design	2021-2024
4 – Parking Garage and Office Building	TBD	Seeking Funding	TBD



Figure 3 - Coatesville Station Concept Plan. Source: PennDOT / Plan the Keystone

D. Devon Station

Phase	Cost (millions)	Status	Anticipated Construction
Modernization and ADA accessibility improvements (phases to be developed as project progresses)	20.0	Planning	2026-2032

E. Downingtown station

PennDOT is proceeding with plans to build a new Downingtown station, which will be relocated east of the existing station along US 322. The station will be ADA accessible and PennDOT is working with a developer to create a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the station site, which will include housing, retail, open space, and a new pedestrian bridge across the Brandywine Creek south of the Amtrak corridor.



Figure 4 - Downingtown Station Relocation. Illustration by the Hankin Group

F. Paoli-Thorndale Line Extension to Coatesville

SEPTA, at the request of the Chester County Commissioners, has agreed to extend the Paoli-Thorndale line to serve the City of Coatesville. At present, the SEPTA Paoli-Thorndale line ends its service at Thorndale station, just one stop to the east of Coatesville. While the Coatesville station is currently served by Amtrak, SEPTA service in Coatesville will provide residents with access to the full range of opportunities in communities across Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties along the Paoli-Thorndale line. SEPTA will provide service to the Coatesville Amtrak station, which will be rebuilt and improved in the next several years. SEPTA service to Coatesville is presumed to begin after the completion of the new station.

G. Extension of Rail Service in Chester County

There are several efforts to extend existing rail service further into Chester County. These include extensions of the Paoli-Thorndale line to Atglen and Parkesburg from its current terminus in Thorndale (soon to extend to Coatesville, see above), the Media-Elwyn line to West Chester among other intermediate stops, and the Manayunk-Norristown line to Phoenixville and intermediate stops. The Chester County Planning Commission supports these projects and will continue to advocate for their implementation. They are currently in planning phases, the results of which will help determine their feasibility, cost, and potential for success.