

Project Development

Portions of the project are currently in final design. During final design, the proposed roadway alignment and engineering plans are refined from their development during preliminary design. Environmental resource and cultural resource mitigation commitments identified during preliminary design are carried through final design and into construction. Community input continues to be gathered from the general public, various stakeholders, public officials, and city agencies.

Project Schedule	BR0	BR2	BR3	BS1	BS2	BS3	Adams Avenue
Begin Final Design	Present	Present	2014	Fall 2013	Fall 2013	Present	Fall 2014
Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition Process	Present	Present	2016	Present	Present	Present	Summer 2015
Bid Project	2014	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2018
Construction Begins	2015	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2018

All dates are planned and are subject to change based on funding.

Sustainable Action Committee

The purpose of the SAC is to coordinate efforts among PennDOT, city agencies, non-profit organizations, and local communities to develop better, safer, and well-maintained spaces under and adjacent to I-95. Community outreach to the communities will continue throughout the final design process for Sections BRI and BSR.

Next Steps

- Public Outreach
- Engineering Survey
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Continue Property Acquisition
- Complete Final Design

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I-95 Wheatsheaf Lane to Levick Street Improvements

FACT SHEET



Project Description

This project is located along Interstate 95 from Wheatsheaf Lane to Levick Street. A map of the project area is found on pages 2 and 3 of this fact sheet. As the map shows, there are six specific sections associated with this project.

The major improvements along Interstate 95 include widening of the interstate to carry four lanes of traffic in each direction. During construction, PennDOT is committed to keeping three lanes of traffic open in each direction on the interstate. Major improvements associated with the interstate include the following:

- Construct new ramps over I-95 connecting the Betsy Ross Bridge and Aramingo Avenue
- Construct new ramps to connect the Adams Avenue Connector and Aramingo Avenue to I-95 and Betsy Ross Bridge
- Construct a northbound I-95 off-ramp to Aramingo Avenue at Orthodox Street
- Remove the existing southbound off-ramp to James Street and construct a new southbound off-ramp to Tacony Street
- Remove existing I-95 northbound Bridge Street/Harbison Avenue off-ramp
- Remove existing I-95 southbound on-ramp from Aramingo Avenue

Along with the above improvements, you will notice the following changes to the local street network with this project:

- Aramingo Avenue from Frankford Creek to Duncan Street will be widened to three lanes in each direction
- Aramingo Avenue will be widened and reconstructed from Duncan Street to the Amtrak overpass north of James Street
- Tacony Street will become one-way from Aramingo Avenue to Margaret Street
- Orthodox Street will become two-way from Aramingo Avenue to the terminus of the new Orthodox Street off-ramp
- Pratt Street will be closed from Tacony Street to James Street
- Wakeling Street will be closed from Aramingo Avenue to Tacony Street
- Existing Carver Street will be relocated.

In addition, other improvements will include new highway lighting, replacement of existing storm drainage facilities, new pavement markings, signing upgrades, intelligent transportation system (ITS) signage, and traffic signal and intersection improvements.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve safety along the mainline and surrounding city street network, to enhance mobility along the mainline, to increase capacity of the mainline, to provide an efficient transportation facility, and to improve components of the transportation system which are near the end of their design life.

INTERSTATE 95 I-95 WHEATSHEAF LANE TO LEVICK STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND ADAMS AVENUE CONNECTOR



LEGEND

- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BS1
- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BS2
- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BS3
- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BR0
- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BR2
- CONSTRUCTION SECTION BR3
- CONSTRUCTION ADAMS AVE CONNECTOR

Section BR0

- Construct two new ramps over I-95 between the Betsy Ross Bridge and Aramingo Avenue
- Widen several ramps to provide additional travel lanes to and from I-95
- Relocate a Philadelphia Water Department combination sanitary/storm sewer culvert
- Install new traffic signals at Richmond Street/Betsy Ross Bridge ramp

Adams Avenue Connector

- See separate Fact Sheet

Section BR2

- Replace the Conrail Railroad Bridge over I-95
- Widen Aramingo Avenue from Frankford Creek to Duncan Street to three lanes in each direction
- Construct new ramps to connect Adams Avenue Connector and Aramingo Avenue to I-95 and the Betsy Ross Bridge
- Build a 12-foot shared use path along the south side of Adams Avenue to the intersection with Torresdale Avenue
- Install new traffic signals at the following locations: Aramingo Avenue and Adams Avenue Connector; Aramingo Avenue and Church Street; Aramingo Avenue and Ramp F

Section BR3

- Widen and reconstruct I-95 to four lanes in each direction
- Replace bridges over Frankford Creek, Orthodox Street, and Pearce Street
- Construct a northbound I-95 off-ramp to Orthodox Street
- Orthodox Street will become two-way between ramp and Aramingo Avenue
- Remove the ramp over Orthodox and Pearce Streets

Section BS1

- Widen and reconstruct I-95 to four lanes in each direction
- Remove existing southbound off-ramp to James Street
- Construct a new southbound off-ramp to Tacony Street
- Construct a new bridge over relocated Carver Street
- Replace the Van Kirk and Comly Street bridges

Section BS2

- Widen and reconstruct I-95 to four lanes in each direction
- Remove existing I-95 southbound on-ramp from Aramingo Avenue

- Reconstruct the northbound Bridge Street on-ramp
- Replace the Tacony Street viaduct and Fraley Street bridge
- Reconstruct Tacony Street between Aramingo Avenue and Carver Street

Section BS3

- Widen and reconstruct Aramingo Avenue from Duncan Street to the Amtrak overpass north of James Street