

# **KESWICK AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**MUNICIPALITY:** Abington and Cheltenham townships, Montgomery County

**PROJECT NEED:** Over the next week, SEPTA's third-party contractor will continue making concrete repairs to the abutment walls on SEPTA's bridge over Keswick Avenue in **preparation for a rapid bridge superstructure replacement** which will take place [during a 78-hour shutdown of Regional Rail service between Glenside and Jenkintown stations](#). The existing Keswick Avenue bridge will be carried off-site to a nearby staging/prep area where it will be broken down. The new bridge, which has been assembled at the same staging area, will be transported to the project site and lifted into place. This work is part of SEPTA's continuing efforts to bring its bridge structures into a state of good repair.

**ROAD CLOSURES & PARKING:** Keswick Avenue, between Mount Carmel Avenue and Paxson Avenue, will be closed Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Motorists will be directed to Mount Carmel Avenue, Easton Road, Glenside Avenue and Waverly Road. **Access to local businesses will be maintained throughout the road closures/detours.**

On **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, there will be **intermittent flagging and partial closures of Mount Carmel Avenue between Keswick Avenue and Houston Avenue**. There will also be a **"No Parking"** restriction in place **both days on Mount Carmel Avenue between Keswick Avenue and Houston Avenue**. Look for posted signs.



**TRAIN SERVICE:** Bus service replaces train service between Glenside and Jenkintown stations on Memorial Day Weekend, beginning 10:30 pm Friday, May 23rd, until end of service day Monday, May 26th. Normal train service, with revised schedules, will operate between Glenside RR Station and Doylestown RR Station and Glenside RR Station & Warminster RR Station. Passengers will transfer to/from shuttle buses at Jenkintown RR Station & Glenside RR Station. [Click here](#) for more information.

**WORK HOURS:** SEPTA's third-party contractor will be working around-the-clock during Memorial Day weekend. Typical construction noise can be expected during the around-the-clock operations, including jackhammering, back-up alarms. Lighting towers will also be utilized.

**WHAT TO EXPECT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** Below is a list of bullet points highlighting some of the work to be completed, with some timelines noted.

- **During the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>**, the contractor will build and put into place a bridge jacking platform. Workers will be on site from **7 am to 5 pm**; expect typical construction equipment and noise.
- **Beginning Friday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, once Regional Rail train service is shut down SEPTA in-house forces will remove ballast and tracks from the existing bridge.
- **On Saturday morning, May 24<sup>th</sup>**, the existing bridge will be lifted out of place and brought to street level height where it will be transported to the staging/prep area, located just across the grade crossing near Mount Carmel Avenue and Houston Avenue. Transport of the bridge is expected to occur around midday (**see red line on map for start of route**). There will be intermittent flagging and partial road closures during transport.
- **On Sunday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, the new bridge will be transported from the staging/prep area. It will be set on Keswick Avenue. Again, there will be intermittent flagging and partial road closures during transport.
- Additional work on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will include demolition and repairs to the existing abutments.
- There will be a **“No Parking” restriction** in place **both Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> on Mount Carmel Avenue between Keswick Avenue and Houston Avenue**. Cars will be towed and relocated if needed.
- **On Monday morning, May 26<sup>th</sup>**, the new bridge superstructure will be lifted into place and installed. Crews will backfill the area and Monday night SEPTA in-house forces will reinstall tracks and ballast.
- **Regional Rail will resume normal operations on Tuesday morning, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

- Typical construction noise can be expected during the around-the-clock operations on Memorial Day weekend, including jackhammering, back-up alarms. Lighting towers will also be utilized.
- **Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, from **7 am to 5 pm**, there will be clean-up activities and demobilization of equipment.

**SEPTA greatly appreciates your patience and understanding  
while this important construction project is completed.**

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