

318 Bridge Construction



Overview

The bridge reopened nine months after it was struck in December 2023 by the boom of a truck traveling on I-376, causing it to close due to damage to three beams and a hole in the deck. Full details of the project can be found in the press release. Steven Reed, President/CEO of Mekis Construction, Brian McNulty, PennDOT District 1 Executive, and Michael Carroll, PennDOT Secretary of Transportation spoke at the event. 26—SHENANGO TOWNSHIP — PennDOT said Tuesday it's looking to rapidly construct a new bridge to replace the heavily damaged Route 318 bridge rather than fixing the damaged half. During a Thursday afternoon public meeting, with more than 20 people in attendance, at the West Middlesex municipal building, PennDOT and. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) invites the public to view the online plans display for a project to replace the bridge that carries Route 318 over Interstate 376 in Shenango Township, Mercer County.



Article Content

Work to replace State Route 318 bridge over Interstate 376 in

SHENANGO TWP., Pa. (WKBN) – Just a few months after work got underway, the new bridge carrying State Route 318 over Interstate 376 in Shenango Township is already taking shape.

Route 318 bridge replacement in Shenango Township, Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has provided some more details regarding the work being done to repair the Route 318 Bridge in Shenango Township.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (via Public) / Shapiro ...

Today, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), along with local officials and industry partners marked the completion of the emergency project to replace the bridge that

Efforts that swiftly rebuilt Route 318 bridge earn praise

Steve Reed, president and CEO of Mekis Construction Corp., left, talks at a brief ceremony Friday near the Route 318 bridge in Shenango

Route 318 Emergency Bridge Replacement Project Completed

Route 318 Emergency Bridge Replacement Project Completed On October 4, 2024, PennDOT, along with contractor Mekis Construction, marked the completion of the emergency project to replace the

Truck damages bridge, requiring demolition

SHENANGO TWP., Pa. (WKBN) – Those who commute in Mercer County on Interstate 376 and near Route 318 will need to find alternate routes as

PennDOT: Complete replacement for damaged Route 318 bridge

Route 318 remains closed to traffic indefinitely. PennDOT is reviewing what action it could take against the Western Pennsylvania trucking company involved to recover construction

PennDOT Announces Plans Display for Route 318 Bridge

Minor shoulder improvements and roadway repairs to Interstate 376 under the new bridge will also be completed. Work is expected to occur during the 2024 construction season. A detour is currently in

Price tag for new Route 318 bridge much less than expected

The contractor that dismantled the Route 318 bridge in Mercer County after it was heavily damaged is in line to construct its replacement. Mekis Construction Corp., Fenelton, is the apparent

Work begins to replace Route 318 bridge damaged by

A detour will be posted using off- and on-ramps near the bridge. Otherwise, short-term lane closures on Interstate 376 may be needed for certain

Efforts that swiftly rebuilt Route 318 bridge earn praise

Declared an emergency, constructing the new bridge was completed in seven months compared to a normal two-year timetable. A view from the air

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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) opted to replace the entire bridge, and a cohesive emergency response delivered a new and improved bridge that opened to

Michael Baker...

Michael Baker International's work on the State Route 318 bridge over I-376 near West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, is featured in the July 2025 issue of...

"New and Improved"

In an article from Modern Steel Construction, the emergency replacement of a damaged northwest Pennsylvania bridge resulted in a safer, more efficient steel

Route 318 bridge replacement one of 115 projects in

WEST MIDDLESEX — PennDOT District 1 Executive Brian McNulty talks about the work that will take place over the next several months on

Construction on replacement Route 318 bridge to begin Monday

Apr. 10—SHENANGO TOWNSHIP — Construction will begin Monday to replace the Route 318 bridge in Shenango Township that was damaged in an accident four months ago,

Emergency reconstruction of PA Route 318 bridge

The bridge replacement project for Route 318 over Interstate 376 in Shenango Township, Mercer County, started Monday.

Route 318 bridge replacement one of 115 projects in

WEST MIDDLESEX — After a truck with a raised boom hit a Route 318 bridge overhead in December, within a week, the damaged section of bridge

PennDOT, crews celebrate early reopening of Route 318 Bridge in

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and construction crews held an event Friday morning to celebrate the early completion of a project to replace a bridge in West Middlesex. The ...

AD 318: Tolerances on plan position of steelwork in

There has been some debate about the build-up of tolerances in bridge steelwork and the accuracy with which the steelwork can be positioned on

PennDOT moving forward with local bridge replacement

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) opened bidding for contractors to replace the bridge that carries Route 318 over Interstate 376 in Shenango Township,

Mercer County's I-376 Reopens Early After Successful

Interstate 376 in Mercer County reopened early after the Route 318 bridge demolition, beating the anticipated schedule.

PennDOT Announces Plans Display for Route 318 Bridge

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Route 318 bridge replacement moving at "light speed" PennDOT says

Jan. 18—WEST MIDDLESEX — Construction of a higher and wider replacement to the heavily damaged Route 318 bridge could begin as early as April, PennDOT said.

Route 318 Emergency Bridge Replacement Project Completed

On October 4, 2024, PennDOT, along with contractor Mekis Construction, marked the completion of the emergency project to replace the Route 318 bridge over I-376 in Mercer

Route 318 Bridge Replacement Project in Mercer County Moving

The Route 318 bridge was struck by the boom of a truck traveling eastbound on I-376 the morning of December 7, 2023, and sustained substantial damage and was closed. An inspection revealed

Design Guide for Steel Railway Bridges

SUMMARY This guide offers an introduction to the design of steel and composite railway bridges. It presents a review of the particular requirements for carrying railway traffic and interfacing with railway

Less than three weeks after a crash that resulted in the ...

Less than three weeks after a crash that resulted in the demolition of the Route 318 bridge over I-376 eastbound in Mercer County, PennDOT's design team is working at an accelerated pace along side a consultant to

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