

# RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: SPRING 2017







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The 2017 construction season is well underway with 70 bridges under construction across the state. Five bridges have already reopened to traffic this spring, some of which were completed ahead of schedule.

The opening of the Route 549 bridge, spanning Seely Creek in Jackson Township, Tioga County, marked the completion of the first bridge replaced in 2017 under the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. Walsh/Granite JV and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the bridge site on April 6 to commemorate the milestone.

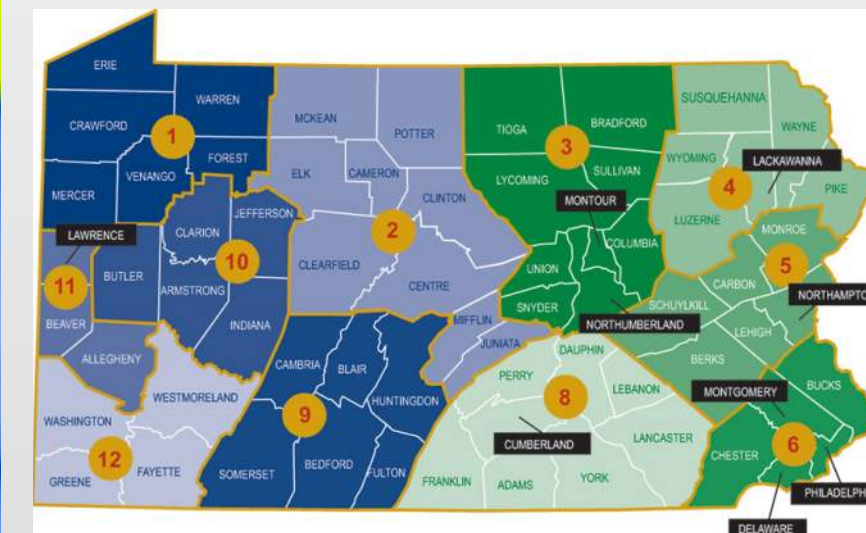


The ceremony was attended by dignitaries and emergency responders of the surrounding communities, representatives from Mansfield University and the Pennsylvania-based subcontractor who performed the replacement work for the Route 549 bridge, Glenn O. Hawbaker.

Prior to cutting the yellow ribbon, a symbolic color of the military, Walsh/Granite JV presented a donation to the Mansfield University Student Veterans Organization, which amounted to the cost of supplies needed to build a veteran's memorial on campus.

Since commencement of the project in mid-2015, 180 bridges have been replaced across the Commonwealth. Crews are gearing up for a busy year with over 200 bridges slated for replacement in 2017.

The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is broken down into three regions of the state - West, Central and East. Within each of those regions are PennDOT Engineering District offices.



The West region includes PennDOT Districts 1, 10, 11 and 12.

The Central region includes PennDOT Districts 2, 3 and 9.

The East region includes PennDOT Districts 4, 5, 6 and 8.

To the left is a map of Pennsylvania counties included in each PennDOT District.

All bridges under this program are assigned a JV number. JV references the joint-venture partnership between Walsh/Granite, the construction firm for the entire project. You can find all bridges and their JV numbers on the project website here: <http://parapidbridges.com/bridgesbycounty.html>



# WEST REGION

As warm weather arrived this spring in Western Pennsylvania, construction ramped up across the region. Construction crews were busy finishing up projects that had begun last year, while many new projects got started. With 48 bridges completed in the West region in 2016, sights are set on replacing more than 110 bridges during the 2017 construction season.

In PennDOT District 11, 45 bridges are expected to be built in 2017. Construction has already started on 10 of those bridges in Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence counties and three of those bridges are already complete and open to traffic.

To the North in PennDOT District 1, bridge construction began on two bridges as spring arrived in Venango and Crawford counties. Warren County will see the next bridge replacement begin before summer starts, as the goal is to replace nine bridges total throughout the district in 2017.

Crews will also be busy in PennDOT District 10. There are 16 bridges that are scheduled for replacement this year. Four of those bridges are already under construction and two others will begin in Indiana and Jefferson counties in May.

In Southwestern Pennsylvania, PennDOT District 12, construction began on six bridges and two bridges have already opened to traffic.

Plans call for 30 more bridges to be replaced in District 12 in the coming summer months.



It's a skillful job setting the first box culvert section at JV-413 in Indiana Township, Allegheny County (PennDOT District 11).





Construction is in full swing in the Central region with crews getting a speedy start to the year. So far in 2017, construction has started on 27 bridge projects, including two that are already complete and open to traffic. These bridges are located in PennDOT Engineering District's 2, 3 and 9 with the locations listed by county below:

Two in Bradford County; two in Bedford County; one in Centre County; three in Clearfield County; one in Clinton County; three in Clearfield County; two in Fulton County; one in Juniata County; four in Huntingdon County; two in Lycoming County; four in McKean County; one in Montour County; three in Somerset County; and one in Tioga County.

Of these 27 bridges, 17 are being replaced by subcontractors:

- C.H. & D. Enterprises Inc. of New Stanton, PA
- Clearwater Construction, Inc. of Mercer, PA
- Dolomite Products Company Inc. DBA A. L. Blades of Hornell, NY
- Nestlerode Contracting Company, Inc. of Lock Haven, PA
- Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College
- Kevin E. Raker Construction, LLC of Sunbury, PA

All other bridge replacements are being performed by Walsh Construction II



# CENTRAL REGION

Due to the notable efforts of Glenn O. Hawbaker and Walsh/Granite JV, the opening of the Route 549 bridge, spanning Seely Creek in Jackson Township, Tioga County, marked the completion of the first bridge replaced in 2017 across all regions.

Pictured below are photos of the ribbon cutting ceremony held on April 6, 2017 to commemorate the milestone.



The second bridge completed in 2017 in the Central region is located on Route 655 (Pleasant Ridge Road) bridge, which spans Fortune Teller Creek in Dublin Township, Fulton County. Replacement was performed by C.H. & D Enterprises in five weeks.

For the remainder of 2017, the Central region plans to complete a total of 74 bridge replacements projects in 22 counties across the three PennDOT Engineering District's.



# EAST REGION



Construction crews are turning vision into reality as bridge construction began to bloom this spring in the East region.

The first East region bridge to blossom in 2017 reopened to traffic in PennDOT District 5 as crews completed a project in Berks County 30 days ahead of schedule. The bridge is located on Route 1008 (Windsor Castle Road) in Windsor Township (JV-171).

The completed bridge is pictured above. Standing left to right: Micheal Klink Jr. and Michael Klink Sr. of C.H. & D. Enterprises; and Jose Padilla and Phil Ruby of Walsh/Granite JV.



The spring construction season brought with it an acceleration in active bridge construction in PennDOT Districts 4, 5, 6 and 8. With 47 bridges completed since the project started, another 72 new bridges are anticipated to reopen to traffic in 2017.

In Northeastern Pennsylvania, six bridges were active this spring in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna and Wayne counties. Another eight will be active through the summer and fall of 2017, including bridge completions in Pike and Wyoming counties.

Work continued in Monroe County this spring as three bridges reopened to traffic, with another set to reopen before the end of 2017.

Work started in Carbon County this spring and one of four 2017 Northampton County bridges started this spring - a multi-span bridge on Route 33, spanning U.S. 22.

Construction began in PennDOT District 6 this spring as one of two Montgomery County bridges started in 2017. Two bridges in Chester County and one bridge in Delaware County will also be active in the summer months of 2017.

Moving Southeast into PennDOT District 8, that is where the bulk of bridge construction is taking place in the East region, with 12 bridges starting construction this spring in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and York counties. Drivers should expect more construction in those counties, as well as active bridge sites in Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties as construction heats up with 40 bridges active in the summer and fall months.

Subcontractors working on East region bridges include:

- Allan Myers of Worcester, PA
- B.T. Adams, LLC of Factoryville, PA
- C.H. & D. Enterprises of New Stanton, PA
- Clearwater Construction, Inc. of Mercer, PA
- Doli Construction Corporation of Chalfont, PA
- Leeward Construction Inc. of Honesdale, PA
- Robert C. Young Inc. of Mifflinville, PA

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Walsh/Granite JV is committed to investing in the communities where we work and live. Through the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, we're working to better the future of Pennsylvania communities by replacing bridges designed to last 100 years -- but we want to work "Beyond Bridges." While working in various communities, we've identified local charitable causes that we would like to support.

Each month, Walsh/Granite JV will feature a Pennsylvania charitable organization on our project website. This will give project team members the opportunity to get involved by donating their times and skills or by giving a monetary donation. Of course, non-project team members are welcome and encouraged to join the effort as well.

Monetary donations will be collected through [CrowdRise](#), the world's largest and fastest-growing fundraising platform dedicated exclusively to charitable giving.

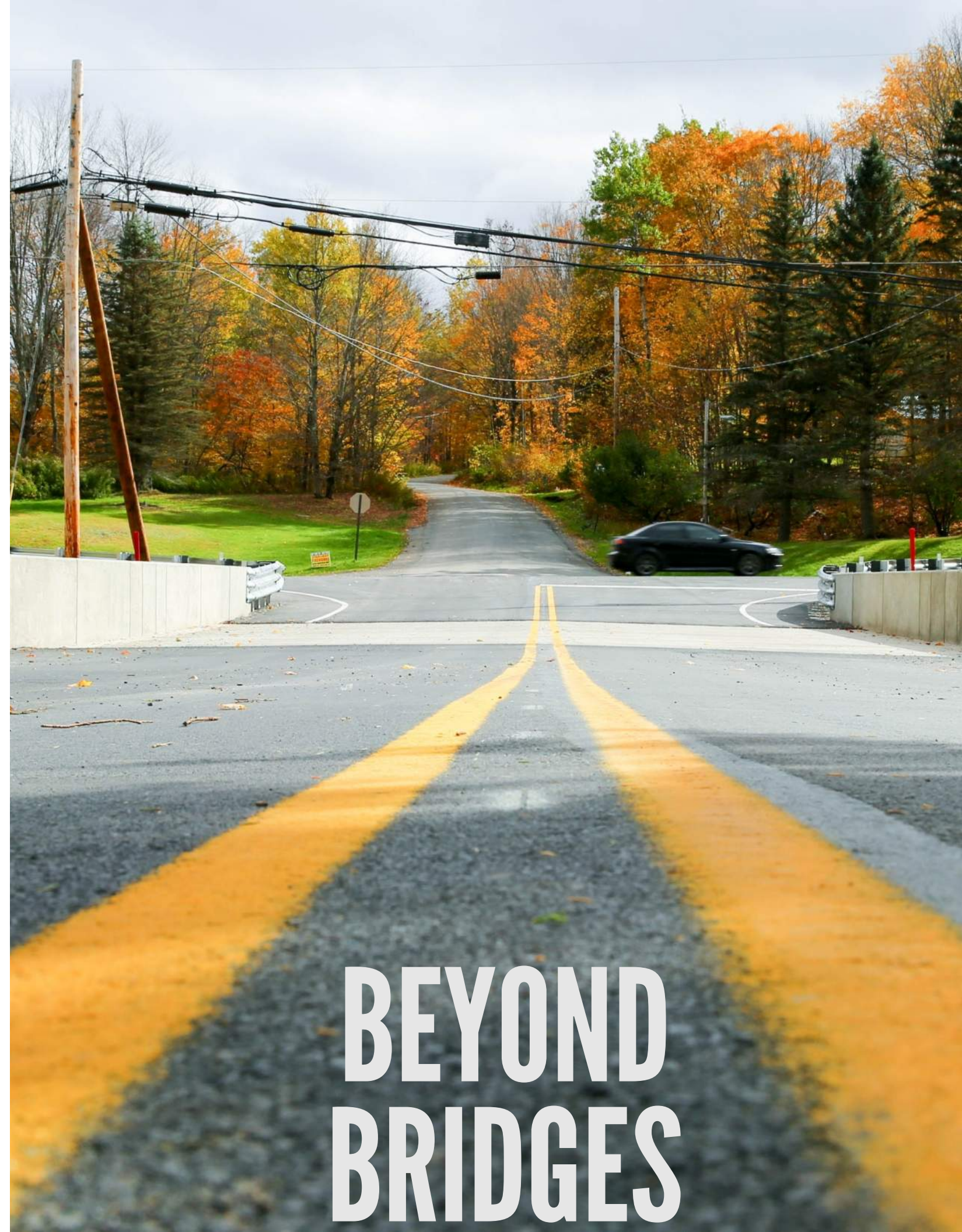
### Organization Walsh/Granite JV is Supporting in May 2017:

- Who: Rock for a Cure presented by Cancer Care Partnership of State College.
- What: Rock for a Cure is an event sponsored by Cancer Care Partnership to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Happy Valley. The family fun event will bring survivors, their families and the State College community together to celebrate and remember loved ones, while also raising money to help the American Cancer Society.
- When: June 10 from 5-10 p.m.
- Where: Tussey Mountain Amphitheater (341 Bear Meadows Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827).

### How to Donate:

- If you're interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Kayla Neff at [kayla.neff@cancercarepartnership.org](mailto:kayla.neff@cancercarepartnership.org).
- If you would like to give a monetary donation, visit Plenary Walsh Keystone Partner's CrowdRise fundraiser page here: <http://bit.ly/2q6gSrv>
- All net proceeds of this event will go to the American Cancer Society's efforts in cancer research, patient care programs, education and cancer prevention.
- Tickets for the event can be purchased here: [www.tusseymountain.com](http://www.tusseymountain.com).

***If you have a charitable organization that you would like Walsh/Granite JV to feature one month, please contact McKenzi Loid at [mloid@walshgroup.com](mailto:mloid@walshgroup.com).***



# BEYOND BRIDGES





The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project originated in 2013 when PennDOT was challenged by aging, structurally deficient bridge inventory and limited funding and resources. Through this public-private partnership with Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners, PennDOT is replacing 558 of the state's roughly 3,500 structurally deficient bridges quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impacts on motorists.

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