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## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Announces \$1.25 billion in Direct,  
Accessible Grants for Local  
Communities to Improve Roadway  
Safety – Click on pic for more info**



## Elm Grove Stone Arch Bridge Scheduled to close in March for Major Renovation Work

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) plans to close the historic Stone Arch Bridge in the Elm Grove section of Wheeling in March for major renovation work.

The bridge, built in 1817, spans Wheeling Creek as part of US 40 known as National Road.

The renovation work will include removal of existing sidewalks, removal of pavement surface and material within the bridge structure, repairing the stones along the spandrel walls and the arch barrels themselves. Crews will then backfill it and repave the bridge, reconstruct the concrete sidewalks and railings.

The closure is expected to last until the end of the year. The alternate routes include Interstate 70 and the Washington Avenue interchange.

The project was awarded in 2021 to Clearwater Construction but was delayed by legal proceedings. WVDOH recently gained right-of-entry to a temporary construction easement which will allow the project to proceed.

## **Emphasis on Infrastructure Creates New Opportunities, New Risks for Construction Professionals**

**With great opportunity for construction projects comes great responsibility for mitigating risk. Here's how to avoid increasing business costs and liabilities.**

There is no shortage of opportunities or demand for construction professionals right now.

The need for new housing is at an all-time high while established industrial and commercial property owners tackle long overdue upgrades to improve the efficiency and resiliency of current structures. At the same time, significant investments are being made by local and state municipalities and the federal government to improve the nation's aging infrastructure.

All of this has opened the door to plenty of long-term construction projects and a steady stream of work and revenue for contractors. Before jumping into new or more complex projects, construction professionals should ensure they are properly prepared and protected against emerging construction risks that could increase their business costs and liabilities.

### **EMBRACING INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION**

The Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act, which was passed in 2021, allocates more than \$550 billion in federal funding to improve the country's roads and bridges, water infrastructure and overall resilience.

According to official information about the IJA, the funding is being distributed in several ways, including: \$110 billion to rebuild and repair roads and bridges. \$11 billion in transportation safety programs, which includes grant money for communities to replace or rebuild gas pipelines.

\$39 billion to modernize transit, including repairing and upgrading aging transit infrastructure, and expanding transit services to new communities.

\$66 billion to address deferred rail maintenance.

\$7.5 billion to "build out the first-ever national network of EV [electric vehicle] chargers in the United States."

The private sector can capitalize on these infrastructure investments.

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### **About The WVDOT**

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on WVDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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