



LINK Trail Status Report

Fall 2025

When fully built out, the Camden County LINK Trail will span 34 miles through 17 municipalities from Camden City to Winslow Township and is projected to provide more than \$20M in annual economic benefits to the county, its municipalities, and present and future local business owners. It will serve as the spine of a county-wide trail network identified in the 2015 Camden County Bicycling and Multi-use Trails Plan completed for the county by the DVRPC

With the recent completion of the design of two segments and two bridges of the LINK, the construction of these trails and structures will be underway starting early in 2026. They include:

- A bridge over the Cooper River between Flanders Avenue and the Speedway gas station on Admiral Wilson Boulevard in Camden
- A bridge over Route 130 at North Park Drive and Cooper River Park in Pennsauken
- A 1.2-mile trail segment between Merchant Street in Audubon and Station Avenue in Haddon Heights.
- A 0.4-mile segment between Somerdale Road in Somerdale and Wakonda Rd in Hi-Nella

It is expected that the trail segment in Audubon and Haddon Heights will be the first to be under construction early next spring. The County and Conrail signed a license agreement for the use of Conrail property for the trail in April and received additional TASA funding now totaling \$3,121,008 for construction. A construction bid has been advertised, with bids due on October 30.

Camden County has developed a good working relationship with Conrail and expects to sign a license agreement for the Somerdale-Hi-Nella trail segment in the next few months. While not currently in design, once the second license agreement is signed, the county will begin discussions to seek preliminary approval from Conrail for the remaining nine plus miles of the LINK Trail that would run parallel to their rail corridor along Atlantic Avenue.

With the signing of a second license agreement, construction of the Somerdale - Hi-Nella segment will also begin in 2026, likely in spring or early summer, with the two above mentioned bridges to be under construction in late 2026 or early 2027. While the construction of these projects moves forward, the design of additional segments of the trail in Camden, Pennsauken, and Winslow Township are projected to be completed by the end of 2027 or sooner. Assuming funding is available for all these segments, it is expected that construction of all designed segments will be completed by the end of 2030. This will result in **14.64 miles** of off-road trails, broken down as follows:



- **A 6.2-mile trail from the Ben Franklin Bridge to Cooper River Park that includes six new bike/ped bridges** (Pictured above are new bike/ped bridges to be built over Admiral Wilson Boulevard and the Cooper River near the Subaru Headquarters.)
- **A 1.2-mile trail from Merchant Street in Audubon to Station Avenue in Haddon Heights**

- **A 0.4- mile trail from Somerdale Road in Somerdale to Wakonda Road in Hi-Nella**
- **A 6.84-mile trail from Cross Keys Road to Blue Anchor Road in Winslow Township**

Design work has yet to begin east of New Brooklyn Park as the County continues to work with the NJDEP and NJ Fish and Wildlife to find a trail alignment through the Winslow Wildlife Management Area that is acceptable to all parties. This trail segment is crucial to creating the terminus of the LINK at the Gloucester County line at the lower end of Winslow. This will provide the opportunity to extend the trail into Gloucester County and connect to existing and planned trails in Atlantic and Cape May Counties to create the 105-mile *Camden to the Cape Trail*. Camden County has been working with the DVRPC and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) on these proposed trail connections

LINK Trail Funding

The County has aggressively sought grant funds for the trail and has to date been awarded just over \$35M in State, Federal, and DVRPC Regional Trails grants. In addition, we await word on a pending grant application which, if awarded, would provide an additional \$1.5M in trail funding.

Part of this funding is a \$19M 2023 RAISE grant awarded for the construction of portions of the trail through Camden and Pennsauken. As of now, the county continues to negotiate a contract with the FHWA. The agreement must be first approved for signature by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, which would not be done until the project is ready for construction in 2027-28.

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