

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO CONSTRUCT A HIGHWAY AND A
BRIDGE**

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to construct a highway and to erect and maintain a bridge over the Schuylkill River, in Montgomery County, between a point in the Borough of Norristown and a point in the Borough of Bridgeport or a township adjacent thereto, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering the county to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to construct a highway and to erect and construct a bridge over the Schuylkill River, in Montgomery County, between a point in the Borough of Norristown on the north bank of the Schuylkill River and a point in the Borough of Bridgeport or a township adjacent thereto on the south bank of the Schuylkill River. The Department of Highways shall determine the exact location of the bridge and may acquire the necessary land for the approaches thereto.

Section 2. In the construction of the bridge and the approaches thereto and connections with existing State highways, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of taking property in the location, widening or construction of any such bridge, the approaches thereto and connections with State highways, shall be ascertained in accordance with laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating, widening or constructing State highways, and such damages when ascertained shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State highways.

The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and carry out and to do every other act necessary to carry out the project herein authorized.

Section 3. After the completion of such bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be reconstructed and maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Section 4. So much of the money in the Motor License Fund from time to time as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this act, but not in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Section 5. The Department of Highways shall begin the preparation of the plans and specifications for the construction of the bridge herein mentioned by October 15, 1961.