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Bi-Weekly Project Update
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Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00163A, I-95 over West River and SR 745 in the towns of West Haven and New Haven.

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Interstate Impacts:

- Night work on I-95 NB and SB is scheduled from Friday, April 17, 2015 through Friday, April 24, 2015 from 9 PM to 6 AM for various operations, including the installation of new overhead signs.

Local Roads Impacts:

- Permanent closure of I-95 SB Exit 44 ramp to Kimberly Ave.
- Installation of the noise barrier wall along the new on-ramp from Ella Grasso Boulevard to I-95 NB.
- Installation of piles for the new I-95 NB Bridge over Ella Grasso Boulevard.
- Pouring of the concrete deck for new bridge over the West River.
- Construction of additional lane for Ella Grasso Boulevard Extension to Kimberly Avenue.
- Realignment of the I-95 NB Exit 44 off ramp to Kimberly Avenue.

Potential Vibration/Noise Construction Activities:

- Daytime and nighttime activities that may create vibrations and/or noise are scheduled to occur throughout the period from Monday, April 13, 2015 to Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Ramp Closure Announcement:

- Starting April 21, 2015 the I-95 SB Exit 44 loop ramp will be permanently closed.

Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

You may see flashing arrow panels or “lane closed ahead” signs. Merge as soon as possible. Don’t zoom right up to the lane closure, then try to barge in- if everyone cooperates, traffic moves more

Why is a new Bridge being built?

Built in 1958, the bridge has weathered over 50 years of unforgiving New England weather and continually growing traffic (approximately 135,000 cars and trucks per day!). The Bridge must be replaced to continue to support the growing traffic demands of this crossing of the West River.

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What is involved in the construction of the bridge?

Prior to construction of the bridge work construction of a temporary work trestle over water and wetlands will be erected. This will allow access to construct the substructure/piers. The 5 new piers for the Bridge rest on driven concrete piles. Concrete substructures rest on the pile groups and the structural steel superstructure is placed on the piers followed by a concrete deck and asphalt overlay.



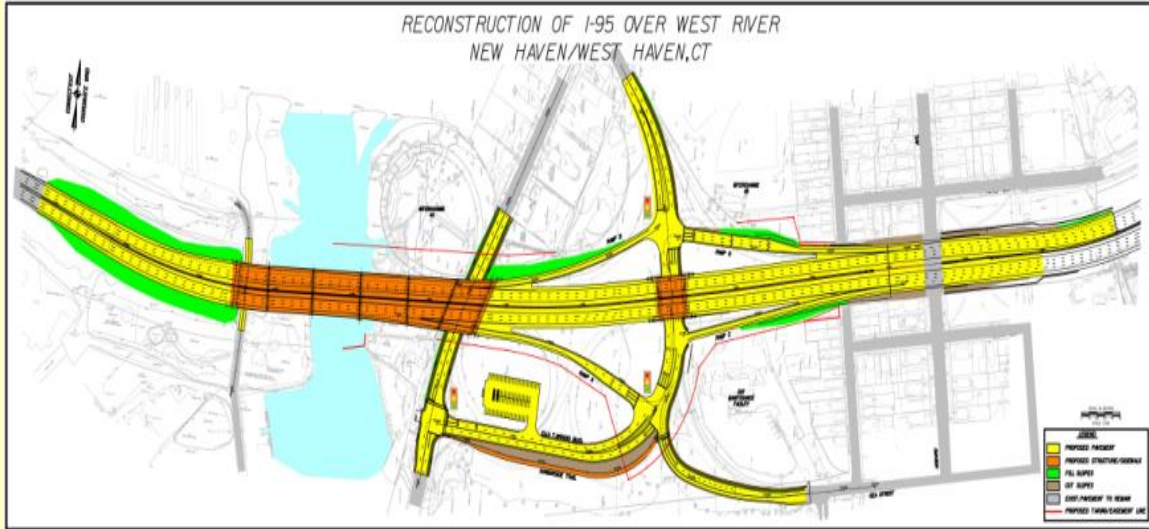
- **Formwork and reinforcing steel for Bridge Parapet Mockup**



When will bridge construction be complete?

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.

- **Saw-cutting existing Bridge sub structure for demolition**



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