



Construction News

Bi-Weekly Project Update

July 20 – August 1, 2015

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

INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER

July 20 – August 1, 2015

Interstate Impacts

Local Road Impacts

Potential Vibration/Noise construction activities

Site Progress photos

Work Zone Safe Driving Tip

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.

Interstate Impacts:

- The I-95 NB Exit 44 ramp to Ella Grasso Boulevard is scheduled to be changed between 10:00 PM Friday, July 24, 2015 and 8:00 AM Saturday, July 25, 2015. The current temporary ramp will be closed and the I-95 NB exiting traffic will be shifted to the new bridge to access the new permanent Exit 44 ramp to Ella Grasso Boulevard.

Local Roads Impacts:

- Pouring of concrete for wall 101 along I-95 SB Exit 44 exit ramp.
- Demolition of permanently closed I-95 SB Exit 44 loop ramp.
- Construction of the I-95 NB Bridge over Ella Grasso Boulevard and its approaches.
- Construction of temporary ramp from Ella Grasso Boulevard to I-95 SB.
- Removal of Stage 1 temporary trestle and installation of temporary Stage 2 trestle over the West River.

Potential Vibration/Noise Construction Activities:

- Daytime activities that may create vibrations and/or noise are scheduled to occur throughout the period from Monday, July 20, 2015 to Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

Drive Smart.

- Drive defensively. Do not assume other drivers will follow traffic rules.
- Do not insist on your right of way if another driver is challenging you.
- Give a tailgater an opportunity to pass you by changing lane.
- Dialing and driving – against the LAW! That means NO texting, dialing, emailing or talking with a hand-held device while driving.

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.



- **Bridge 163 – Bridge deck concrete pour**



- **Bridge 163 – Membrane Waterproofing installation**

When will bridge construction be complete?

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.



Bridge 164 – Concrete deck pour

For More Information

Project Contact:
George Cooper
Resident Engineer
Office: 475-238-8538

Project Contact:
Ghazi Alsaqri
CT DOT Project Engineer
Office: 475-238-8538

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is working to inform local residents of current and upcoming construction activities through bulletins such as this. For additional information on this project and other projects, please visit the Connecticut Department of Transportation Project website (www.i95westriver.com). Please feel free to contact daria.kania@ct.gov with any questions, concerns, or to add your contact information to our distribution list.