



Construction News

Bi-Weekly Project Update

July 6 – July 18, 2015

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:

- There are no scheduled impacts on I-95 for this period.

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.
- Pouring of concrete for the parapet of the I-95 NB Bridge over Ella Grasso Boulevard.
- Construction of temporary wire wall support systems along I-95 NB and I-95 NB Exit 44.
- 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 6, 2015 to Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

- Drive Smart. The first rule of actually driving in hazardous conditions, which also might include times of low visibility from fog or fire, is to use common sense. If visibility is low, you need to slow way down. If you can't see more than a few feet in front of your vehicle, it is unsafe to drive—at all. In this case, pull off the road as far as you can, turn on your hazards, and get away from the vehicle and the roadway in case your car is struck by another motorist who can't see anything either

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.

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 – Deck reinforcing**



When will bridge construction be complete?

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.

- **Bridge 163 – Membrane Waterproofing**



New Pavement – I-95 NB Exit 44 off ramp

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