



# Construction News

**Bi-Weekly Project Update**

**June 8 – June 20, 2015**

**DOT Project: 0092-0522**

## 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:

- Removal of preload material along I-95 SB Exit 44 ramp.
- Demolition of permanently closed I-95 SB Exit 44 loop ramp.
- Pouring of concrete for the structures 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 over the West River
- Installation of the structural steel for the I-95 NB Bridge over Ella Grasso Boulevard at night on June 10, 2015 and June 11, 2015.

### Potential Vibration/Noise Construction Activities:

- Daytime activities that may create vibrations and/or noise are scheduled to occur throughout the period from Monday, June 8, 2015 to Saturday, June 20, 2015.

### Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

- **Slow Down** when approaching all work zones. You will be in the work zone quicker than you think.
- **Follow Posted Speed Limits**, especially within construction zones, and try to maintain a consistent speed with the traffic flow. And adjust your speed for weather conditions.
- **Don't Resume Normal Speed** until you see roadway signs indicating it's safe to do so.

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### **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.

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- **Bridge 163 underside**



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**When will bridge construction be complete?**

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.

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- **Bridge 163, Stage 1 deck reinforcing**



Bridge 163 West approach

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