



# Construction News

Bi-Weekly Project Update  
May 11 – May 23, 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:

- Begin demolition of permanently closed I-95 SB Exit 44 loop ramp.
- Pouring of the concrete deck and approach slabs for new bridge over the West River.
- Kimberly Avenue roadway reconstruction.
- Pouring of concrete for the abutments of the I-95 NB Bridge over Ella Grasso Boulevard.

### Potential Vibration/Noise Construction Activities:

- Daytime activities that may create vibrations and/or noise are scheduled to occur throughout the period from Monday, May 11, 2015 to Saturday, May 23, 2015.

### Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers. Just like you, highway workers want to return home safely after each day's work.

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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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- **Arial view of Bridge # 163, Stage 1 Structural Steel Erection**



- **Arial view of old Exit 44 Interchange**

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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 Structural Steel Erection

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