



Construction News

Bi-Weekly Project Update

May 25 – June 6, 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:

- Paving on Ella Grasso Boulevard and I-95 NB Exit 44 ramp.
- Begin demolition of permanently closed I-95 SB Exit 44 loop ramp.
- Kimberly Avenue roadway reconstruction.
- Pouring of concrete for the abutments 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.

Potential Vibration/Noise Construction Activities:

- Daytime activities that may create vibrations and/or noise are scheduled to occur throughout the period from Tuesday, May 26, 2015 to Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Work Zone Safe Driving Tip:

- Some work zones – like line painting, road patching and mowing are mobile, moving down the road as the work is finished. Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs doesn't mean they're not out there. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that states you've left the work zone.

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.



- **Stage 1, Bridge 163**



When will bridge construction be complete?

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.

- **Closed existing Exit 44 SB off ramp**



Revised Exit 44 interchange

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