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DCR COMPLETES REHABILITATION OF RIVER STREET BRIDGE
\$1.8 million project replaced superstructure and deck

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has completed a year-long rehabilitation of the River Street Bridge, which carries River Street over Mother Brook in the Readville section of Boston.

“We’re very pleased to be able to reopen this bridge fully to traffic in both directions,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We thank the bridge users very much for their patience and understanding during this work, which was important to ensure public safety.”

The \$1.8 million project was part of Governor Patrick’s \$3 billion Accelerated Bridge Program, aimed at quickly repairing the Commonwealth’s most neglected bridges. The contract for the River Street Bridge rehabilitation was awarded to New England Infrastructure Inc. in Hudson. Work began in May 2008 and was completed this month.

The bridge, which was constructed in 1976 with two traffic lanes and a sidewalk on each side, had experienced significant deterioration. Work included replacing the roadbed and the steel superstructure underneath, with the exception of the existing decorative fascia arches, which were retained. Undermined areas of the approach walls were repaired, and the cobblestone approach walls at the back of the sidewalk on both approaches were rehabilitated.

The project was done in two stages so that one-way traffic from Cleary Square in Hyde Park toward Dedham could be maintained at all times. Vehicles traveling in the other direction were detoured through Dedham. Emergency vehicles were able to go in both directions. Traffic is now moving freely in both directions.

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