

Haverhill-Methuen I-495 and Industrial Ave Bridge Replacements



What is happening?

MassDOT is replacing the structurally deficient northbound and southbound bridges carrying I-495 over the Merrimack River and Industrial Avenue over I-495 in Haverhill and Methuen. The existing structures are nearing the end of their service lives. Ongoing maintenance and monitoring will ensure they remain safe for travel during construction.

Final Improvements:

- The replacement bridges will be built to modern safety standards.
- A noise wall will be constructed along the southern project limits of I-495 Northbound.
- The Industrial Avenue Bridges are being replaced by one wider structure that includes safety walks and expanded shoulders for improved safety and access.
- Route 110/Route 113/Merrimack Street will have improved clearance, pedestrian sidewalks, large shoulders for bicycle travel, a snow fence over the street, and overhead wires relocated underground.

How will I be impacted?

The Contractor will be using staged construction methods to minimize impacts to the traveling public. Three travel lanes will be maintained on I-495 northbound and southbound, and two travel lanes will be maintained on Industrial Avenue during peak travel times. Lane shifts, lane drops, rolling roadblocks, or detours during off-peak hours may be used to expedite completion of this project. All temporary traffic impacts will be reviewed and approved by MassDOT, with advance warning signs placed to inform motorists. Roadway users and abutters will also be notified of upcoming work through the project website and outreach program.

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Construction Schedule and Staging

Construction began in summer 2025 and is scheduled for completion in spring 2030. The project will be built in stages to maintain all existing travel lanes and minimize disruption to traffic. As work progresses, traffic will be shifted via temporary crossovers onto newly constructed portions of the bridge to allow for safe demolition of the existing structures.

I-495 Construction Timeline

Stage 1: Summer '25 - '26

- Build temporary access structures
- Build portion of SB bridge

Stage 2: Summer '26-Spring '28

- Demo and rebuild NB bridge
- Install noise barrier

Stage 3: Summer '28 - Winter '29

- Demo existing SB bridge
- Build final portion of SB bridge

Stage 4: Winter '29 - Spring '30

- Full beneficial use

Industrial Avenue Construction Timeline

Stage 1: Summer '25 - '26

- Build first half of new bridge in median

Stage 2: Summer '26-Spring '28

- Remove existing WB structure
- Build second half of new bridge

Stage 3: Summer '28 - Winter '29

- Remove existing EB structure and complete bridge connections

Stage 4: Winter '29 - Spring '30

- Full beneficial use

How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updates and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the Haverhill-Methuen I-495 and Industrial Ave Bridge Replacements.

Project website mass.gov/haverhill-methuen-bridge-replacements

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