

I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project

New Bedford, MA



What is happening?

MassDOT is rehabilitating the structurally deficient I-195 to Route 18 Interchange. The interchange gets a high volume of traffic on a daily basis; to ensure safe service, MassDOT proposes:

- Widening and reconstructing I-195 from Mt. Pleasant St to N. Front St
- Replacing the I-195 eastbound/westbound ramp bridges, and ramp to Route 18
- Replacing the outside barrier and median of the three ramp bridges
- Constructing a noise wall along Cedar Grove St.
- Upgrades to local roadways and sidewalks for accessibility
- Improving stormwater drainage systems
- Constructing a park and path beneath the interchange

How will I be impacted?

I-195 Viaduct: Work on the elevated I-195 structure is anticipated to take place in two phases, with westbound beginning in mid to late 2025 and eastbound beginning in mid to late 2027. During each phase, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on I-195. Traffic diversions will be in place around the project area.

Ramp Bridges: Ramps C, D, and F will also be replaced. Ramps will be closed to traffic for extended construction periods. Ramp D will be closed concurrently with Ramp C to complete work. Ramp traffic will be rerouted on signed detours.

City Streets: No permanent impacts to city streets or intersections are currently anticipated.

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Phase 1 and Phase 2 Construction

This project will be completed over a total of five phases with completion anticipated for 2030. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will demolish and reconstruct the westbound side of I-195. Phase 1 will entail constructing westbound crossovers and shifting westbound traffic onto a temporary configuration to initiate demolition of I-195 westbound. Phase 2 will entail complete demolition of the westbound structure and construction of the new westbound structure. Construction of the new Route 18 northbound structure will also begin.



Figure 1: Rendering of the I-195 crossover

Updated fact sheets will be released at the start of each phase to provide the latest project information.

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Construction Timeline



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 I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project.

Project website www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford

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