



PFC Ralph T. Basiliere Bridge Replacement

What is happening?

MassDOT will host a live, in-person public information meeting to provide community members with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the construction phase of the replacement of the Private First Class Ralph T. Basiliere Bridge which carries State Route 125, locally Bridge Street over the Merrimac River and the Bradford Rail Trail between downtown Haverhill and the Bradford neighborhood. At the meeting, MassDOT will present construction timing and phasing, measures to help the project be a good neighbor, and developments to the bridge's appearance that have come through the design-build process. The bridge's overall look continues to reflect what was developed through a robust public process with the Haverhill community including arches, a central overlook with lighted beacons, and the reuse of the existing bridge's tower roofs in the Bradford Rail Trail Park, however, the main structural material will be steel, instead of concrete, providing greater constructability and more open sight lines.

How will this affect you?

The proposed project includes the full replacement of the Basiliere Bridge. Staged construction will be used to generally maintain one travel lane going towards Bradford and one lane going towards downtown Haverhill as well as one sidewalk. Night and weekend closures of the bridge with detours may be needed at times to ensure public safety. MassDOT encourages all interested members of the community to attend and learn more about this project.

When

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
6:00PM

Where

PINNACLE AT HARBOR PLACE
2 MERRIMACK STREET, 3rd FLOOR
HAVERHILL MA 01830



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us.

Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: BRIDGE SECTION PROJECT FILE NO. 605304**