

# I-495 Andover-Lawrence Bridge Replacements

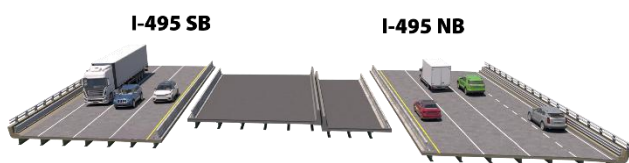


## What is happening?

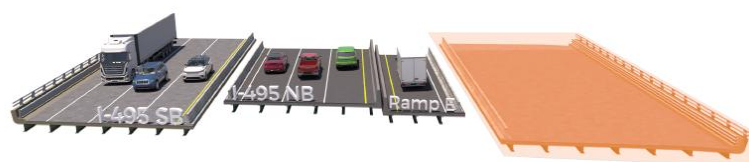
Beginning at **10:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, MassDOT’s design-builder for the I-495 Andover-Lawrence Bridge Replacements will transition from the project’s first major construction phase to its second. This transition will place I-495 northbound (towards Haverhill) traffic on the first portion of the new bridges which will carry I-495 over Route 28 and the MBTA Haverhill commuter rail line allowing demolition of the existing northbound bridges to begin.

## How will I be impacted?

Starting at **10:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**, MassDOT’s design-builder will slightly shift the northbound lanes of I-495 into the median between Corbett Street in Andover and Route 114 in Lawrence. The southbound (towards Lowell) lanes of I-495 will remain in their current alignment. Northbound traffic will make the movement in and out of the median using temporary crossover lanes. **Motorists should observe a speed limit of 55 miles per hour while using the crossovers and temporary alignment.** The shift will be accomplished by closing one lane of the current alignment of I-495 northbound at a time and transferring traffic to an opening lane in the median.



**Current construction conditions**



**Stage 2 construction conditions**

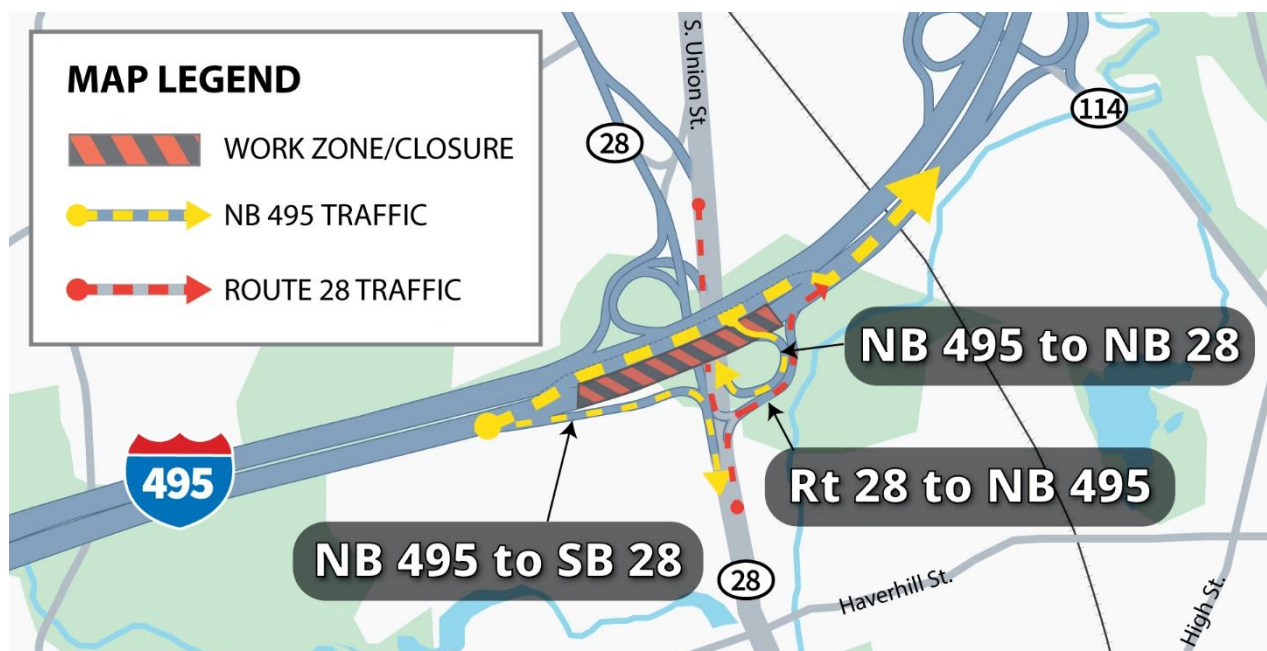
By 5:00 AM on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, all three lanes of I-495 northbound will be in the configuration described above. If necessary, the design-builder will use the same overnight hours beginning on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to complete placement of temporary barrier or complete temporary pavement markings. If rainy conditions prevent the completion of temporary pavement markings, this operation will take place during the same overnight hours on the next night of favorable weather.

**Beginning at 10:00 PM on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, changes will be made to the ramps along I-495 northbound to support a safe work zone. Exit 99A will be subject to minimal geometric changes. Both Exit 99B (I-495 to Route 28 northbound – towards Lawrence) and the entrance ramp from Route 28 northbound to I-495 will cross the work zone behind barrier on a temporary alignment. Both ramps will be approximately 1,500 feet longer, but their curvature will be sharper. This configuration will be in place by 5:00 AM on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. **Motorists should observe a speed limit of 25 miles per hour when using these ramps.**

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A map of fully implemented stage two construction conditions is provided below. **Motorists should exercise caution, reduce speed, and pay close attention to the directions of construction personnel and police details while traversing the work zone during these operations and in the days immediately following the implementation of stage two.**

Once the stage two configuration is implemented for I-495, the existing bridges and lanes of I-495 northbound within the project limits of work will become an active work zone with demolition of the existing northbound bridges beginning shortly after the stage two alignment is achieved. Area residents are reminded that this is a louder operation which must take place at night when traffic volumes fall and sections of Route 28 can be closed to ensure public safety.



## An Investment in Updated Infrastructure

The I-495 Andover-Lawrence Bridge Replacements will replace a total of six bridges carrying the highway over Route 28 and the MBTA Haverhill commuter rail line on the border of Andover and Lawrence. By replacing these six structures which date from the 1962 construction of I-495, MassDOT will provide safer conditions for the roughly 114,000 vehicles which traverse this section of interstate each day and the nearly 30,000 daily users of Route 28 including cyclists and pedestrians. This project represents a \$116.7 million investment in the safety and mobility of the Merrimack Valley and the Commonwealth.

**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 Andover-Lawrence Bridge replacement project:

**Project website** [www.mass.gov/I-495-Andover-Lawrence-Bridge-Replacements](http://www.mass.gov/I-495-Andover-Lawrence-Bridge-Replacements)

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