

ROUTE I-195 TO ROUTE 18 INTERCHANGE REHABILITATION IN NEW BEDFORD

Frequently Asked Questions

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding MassDOT's Route I-195 to Route 18 interchange rehabilitation in New Bedford. These answers were provided by MassDOT and the Contractor to proactively address the concerns of abutters and the traveling public. If you have a concern that is not addressed by these answers, please visit the project website:

<https://www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford> or email the project team: i195route18newbedford@dot.state.ma.us

What is the timeline for construction?

Construction activities begin in the summer of 2025 and are scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2030. This project will be completed over a total of five phases.

How can I follow the progress of construction?

Bi-weekly updates on construction progress and special advisories are posted to the project website and sent to project email subscribers. To subscribe to receive updates, go to the project website

<https://www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford>. At the bottom of the page, under Contact Information, follow the link to [sign up for project updates](#).

How is MassDOT mitigating impacts felt by abutters?

Impacts such as noise and vibrations are unavoidable in the work zone. Work plans have been submitted and accepted by MassDOT that require the Contractor to use mitigating measures as needed. In the event of a project-related complaint, the Contractor will investigate and determine if additional mitigation measures are required. In addition to the project email, a project hotline has been established to address immediate concerns caused by construction. The phone number is: 508-441-4532.

A permanent noise wall is being constructed along the north side of I-195, running from east to west from Purchase Street to Mt Pleasant Street. It will be installed as soon as possible in coordination with the construction of I-195 westbound to provide benefit as early as possible.

How is MassDOT mitigating impacts felt by local and regional travelers?

Local roadway access will be maintained throughout construction for all modes. There will be wayfinding signage for pedestrians. Detours for local streets will be announced in advance. On-street parking and school parking will be provided during construction. All driveways will also remain open. Major operations will be within confined work zones and MassDOT will minimize construction vehicles on local streets.

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For regional and interstate users, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on I-195 throughout construction. Real Time Traffic Information will be posted on I-195. No lanes will close on I-195 during peak traffic times and ramp closure durations will be minimized.

Is MassDOT coordinating with other projects in the area?

Yes. The project team is fully aware of the projects in the area and is committed to actively coordinating with respective project teams to mitigate construction impacts.

Will detour routes include adequate capacity for large trucks and trailers to turn and navigate through?

Yes. Detours were designed to keep traffic on the highways, rather than on local roadways. Detours will be able to accommodate large trucks. GPS systems such as Google Maps and Waze will be updated to direct traffic to the MassDOT designed detours. They will also be shared with the Transportation Association of Massachusetts who will inform their stakeholders in commercial trucking.

How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updated and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the I-195 to Route 18 interchange rehabilitation in New Bedford.

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