

Work on the I-91 Hartford Bridges project is nearing the end. Next week, October 25-31, the following work activity is planned:

I-91

A few minor items are left to finish work on the two new I-91 bridges:

- The guardrail height and bridge rail posts will be adjusted.
- Traffic signs and rumble strips will be installed.
- Inlaid pavement markings will be installed (if not completed today, Friday, Oct 23).
- Clean up work on shoulders and drainage structures will be completed.

This work will be done with lane closures on I-91 Northbound and Southbound.

US Route 5

The contractor will continue site cleanup and restoration of Route 5. Next week's activities include:

- All exposed concrete (bridge abutments and wingwalls) will be pressure washed and receive Silane waterproofing.
- Equipment, materials and pavement from the abandoned Southbound On Ramp will be removed; the area will be graded and covered with topsoil.
- Overhead signs (removed for construction) will be re-installed as well as new signs.
- Final pavement markings will be placed early in the week.
- The temporary signals at the On/Off Ramps will be removed late in the week.

This work will have huge impacts on traffic. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained as much as possible, but it may be necessary to run alternating traffic or stop traffic for periods of time, especially while lanes are striped. Delays will be kept to a 10 minute maximum during the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The temporary signals will stay in place until pavement markings have been placed on Route 5 and I-91 Ramps early next week. That same day the temporary signals at the I-91 Northbound and Southbound Ramps will be turned off and traffic will resume the pattern that existed prior to the project, with one exception. Traffic exiting the I-91 Northbound Off Ramp headed for Route 5 south will be able to use small slip ramp that was closed during construction. The long slip ramp for I-91 Southbound has been permanently removed. To ease access to the interstate, the right turn lane on Route 5 has been extended (and Route 5 widened) back to the location of the abandoned I-91 Northbound slip ramp.

The team expects to have traffic officers on site for a short period of time when the changeover to no traffic signals is made to help motorists adjust to the new traffic pattern.

TRAFFIC WARNING!

Heavy Traffic Impacts will occur on US route 5 during the day on Monday-Saturday at 9:00am-3:00pm Delays will be held to a 10 minute maximum.

It is highly recommended that motorists avoid the construction area and seek alternate routes during the time when alternating/stopped traffic occurs during the day at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. During long periods of alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage the temporary signals will be put on

flash and manned by uniformed traffic officers. If necessary to keep the off ramps from backing up to I-91, motorists may be motioned by the traffic officer to find an alternate route.

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