

Hello,

Work on the I-91 Hartford Bridges project is nearing the end. Next week, October 19-24, the following work activity is planned:

I-91

The contractor expects to finish up all work on the new bridges this week.

- The surface of the concrete barrier walls will be prepared for sealing.
- Grooves will be put into the bridge deck on Sunday, Oct 18, and Monday, Oct 19, at night.
- The bridge deck will be pressured washed after grooving on Sunday, Oct 18, and Monday, Oct 19, at night
- Silane (concrete sealer) will be applied to waterproof the decks on Monday, Oct 19, and Tuesday, Oct 20, during the day.
- Inlaid pavement markings will be installed.

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

US Route 5

Construction work will be heavy all week as the contractor continues the cleanup and restoration of Route 5 as well punch list items on the new bridge substructures and stabilizing and shaping fill around the wingwalls. Restoration of Route 5 will include the following:

- Granite curb will be placed for the traffic islands on Tuesday, Oct 20.
- Topsoil will be placed in the traffic islands in the middle of Route 5.
- Paving will be completed on Wednesday, Oct 21 and Thursday, Oct 22.
- Final pavement markings will be placed on Friday, Oct 23 and Saturday, Oct 24.

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. 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 the final pavement and pavement markings have been placed on Route 5 and on the On/Off Ramps. The temporary signals at the I-91 Northbound and Southbound Ramps may be turned off by the end of the week and traffic will resume the pattern that existed prior to the project. This includes re-opening the small slip ramp at the end of the I-91 Exit 11 Northbound Off Ramp that allow traffic to turn left onto Route 5 South. The only exception will be permanent removal of the long access ramp to I-91 Southbound On Ramp. Motorists who are traveling south on Route 5 will access I-91 Southbound using a newly built right turn lane that extends as far back as the closed I-91 Southbound On 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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