

Project Update

I-495/Route 111 Bridge Replacement



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Work Anticipated for January 26th through February 6th

The work zone is now in stage two traffic configuration with all traffic operating on the northern half of the Route 111 bridge while the southern half of the replacement bridge is built. The approaching sections Route 111 will remain under signal control and the entering ramps from I-495 under stop control as they were in stage 1.

Site-Wide

Activities

- There are no site-wide activities planned for the two weeks addressed by this lookahead.

Route 111 Bridge

Activities

- **Stage two demolition of the Route 111 bridge.** Demolition will take place between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday nights and **will run continuously until the remaining section of the original Route 111 bridge is completely removed.**
- During the second week addressed by this lookahead, excavation for the foundations of the new bridge will begin during the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday, day shift.

Traffic Impacts by Time of Day

- A single lane of traffic will be maintained at all times during peak commuting hours in both the east (towards Acton) and westbound (towards Harvard) directions with all traffic operating on the northern half of the Route 111 bridge while the southern half of the replacement bridge is built.

- Ramp connections to I-495 will operate as normal. Motorists exiting I-495 onto the Route 111 bridge are reminded that they are entering the roadway under stop control. Drivers are advised to reduce speed, exercise caution and pay close attention to all signage and directions from police and project personnel while traversing the work zone.

Noise impacts:

- Nighttime noise levels will be substantially elevated above normal traffic operations with heavy equipment and saw cutting machinery running to break up the existing bridge as well as excavators and trucks operating to remove the resulting debris.

I-495 Mainline Below the Route 111 Bridge

Activities

- Stage 2 demolition of the remaining section of the original Route 111 bridge.

Traffic Impacts by Time of Day

- Intermittent rolling road blocks (significant reductions of traffic speed under police control) and lane closures on I-495 northbound (towards Littleton) and southbound (towards Harvard and Bolton) 8:00PM-5:00AM, Sunday-Thursday, and excluding Friday and Saturday.
 - This work will take place under the direction of a police detail. Motorists are advised to reduce speed, exercise caution and pay close attention to all signage and directions from police and project personnel while traversing the work zone.

Noise impacts:

- Nighttime noise levels will be significantly elevated above normal traffic operations with heavy equipment running to demolish the remaining half of the old Route 111 bridge and vehicles entering and exiting the work zone to remove the resulting debris.

Completed Work

- Stage two demolition of the original Route 111 bridge: 50%

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