



# I-95 Wilmington Corridor Improvements

From I-495  
to North of  
Brandywine  
River Bridge



Delaware Department  
of Transportation

**T**he Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is in the final design phase of a significant project to rehabilitate Interstate 95 (I-95) from Interstate 495 (I-495) to north of the Brandywine River Bridge. Upon completion, improvements to this six-mile stretch will extend the service life of the I-95 Wilmington Corridor. Construction on the three-year, \$165 million project is set to begin in 2021.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Originally built in 1964,

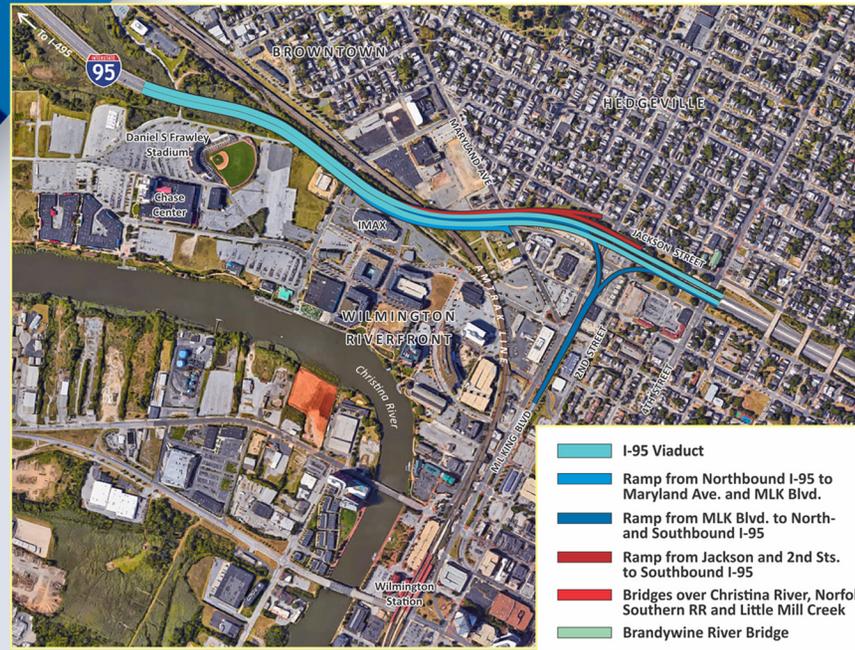
I-95 runs through downtown Wilmington. Portions of the roadway and bridges were widened in 1978 at which time several on and off ramps were constructed. The project includes numerous bridges including the mile-long Wilmington Viaduct which spans the Riverfront area, arterial and local streets, and a bridge over the Amtrak rail line. The project continues north and includes repair of the Brandywine River Bridge.

### Improvements will extend the life of the bridges for a minimum of 30 years

DelDOT is committed to maintaining and preserving its bridges. Delaying this bridge work could result in more costly and extensive repairs, in turn creating more severe and longer traffic impacts and delays to the public. After completing detailed engineering studies, DelDOT determined repairs are needed to extend the bridges' service life and avoid major and costly rehabilitation work for a minimum of 30 years.

Planned construction includes the repair of 19 bridges, I-95 pavement, and ramps within the project limits. The scope of work includes:

- removing and replacing the top two inches of concrete on the bridge decks to maintain the integrity of the underlying structural concrete
- roadway resurfacing and repairs
- replacing deteriorating concrete traffic barriers and roadway expansion joints
- painting the overpass bridges north of the Wilmington Viaduct
- completing steel and concrete repairs



Along with this work, DelDOT will reconfiguring a portion of the Wilmington Viaduct to construct a longer acceleration lane on I-95 southbound. The existing on-ramp from S. Jackson Street will be eliminated and a new on-ramp from West 2nd Street will provide access to I-95 southbound. This reconfiguration will provide motorists with better sight distance to merge more safely onto I-95.

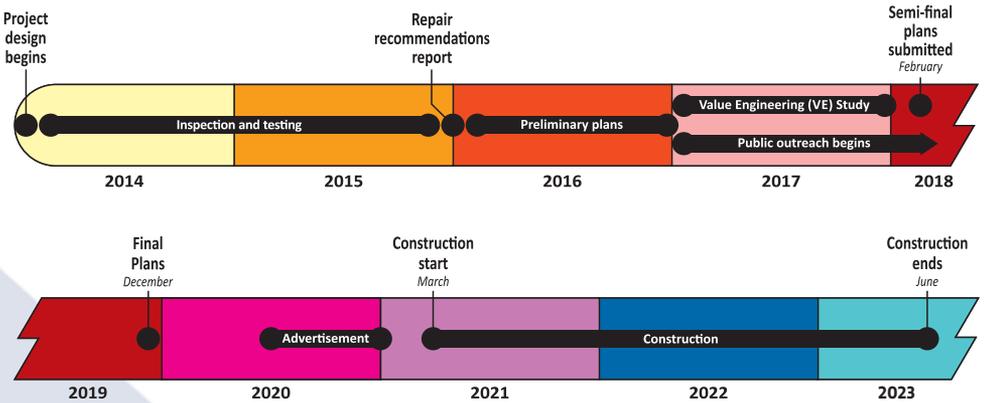
### Advance projects and real-time traveler information will help lessen traffic impacts on commuters and travelers

During construction, at least one lane in each direction on I-95 will remain open always, and ramp closures will be staggered to continuously maintain access in and out of the city. Major traffic impacts will be limited to two years of the three-year contract.

Given the high volume of traffic that uses I-95 daily and the adverse impacts lane reductions will have on this roadway and the local city streets, many advance projects will be completed prior to beginning work on I-95:

Christina River Bridge	May 2017 – Spring 2020
I-495 and I-95 Southbound Merge Lane Extension	Feb. 2018 – Sept. 2018
BR 1-577 on N050 Northeast Blvd. over Brandywine River	Nov. 2018 – Fall 2019
I-95 and Carr/Marsh Road Interchange	June 2018 – Fall 2020
Walnut Street, Front Street to 4th Street	Sept. 2018 – Fall 2019

# Project Schedule



An active traffic management system will be in place at the start of construction and will provide motorists real-time traveler information so they can make informed travel decisions. As part of this system, portable changeable message signs will provide motorists approaching the work zone real-time travel conditions so they can choose to divert to an alternate route. The real-time traveler information will also be available via other media outlets including the Delaware Department of Transportation's website ([deldot.gov](http://deldot.gov)) and mobile app.

Interested persons are invited to express their views either online or in writing, giving reasons for support or opposition to the project.

Comments will be received during the workshop or can be mailed to **DeIDOT Community Relations, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903** or emailed to [dotpr@state.de.us](mailto:dotpr@state.de.us).



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