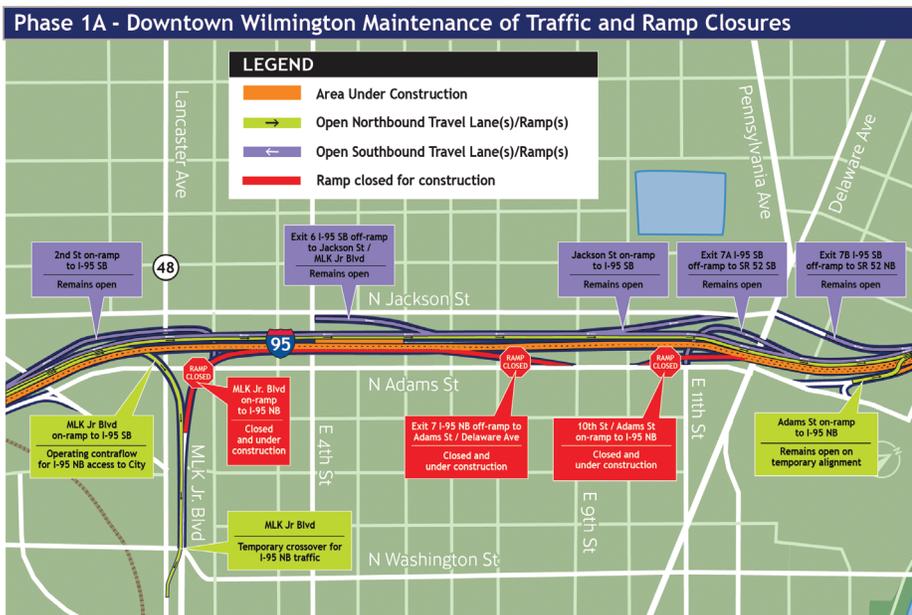




Restore the Corridor Wilmington – Construction Has Begun

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IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON I-95 in the Wilmington area lately, you have noticed that the Delaware Department of Transportation began construction on I-95 from the I-495 split south of Wilmington to US 202/ Concord Pike on the north side of the city. The multi-year Restore the Corridor project includes the repair of 19 bridges including the elevated mile-long Wilmington Viaduct I-95 pavement and ramp reconstruction, and other necessary repairs within the project limits.

This project is necessary to extend the infrastructure’s service life for another 30 years and ensure the nearly 60-year-old road and bridges through the City continue to be safe and well-maintained.

What to Expect During Construction

During construction, at least one lane in each direction on I-95 will remain open. Ramp closures will be staggered to continuously maintain access in and out



of Wilmington. Motorists are encouraged to use I-495 which will have signs directing motorists into Wilmington to avoid heavy traffic delays on I-95.

An active traffic management system is in place with fixed and portable variable message signs to provide real-time travel conditions so motorists can choose to divert to an alternate route. This information is also available at deldot.gov/map and on DeIDOT's free mobile app.

Commuters are encouraged to consider Delaware Commute Solutions (carpooling, vanpooling and teleworking options) www.DelawareCommuteSolutions.org or transit options such as DART www.DartFirstState.com or SEPTA train service www.septa.org.

Construction Traffic Pattern Phasing

There are three major phases of construction planned. The estimated durations and key details for each phase are listed below. Please note that the dates are subject to change due to weather and other unanticipated events. There is also the potential for weekend or nighttime full closures of I-95 northbound or southbound to switch between major construction stages.

PHASE 1: February 2021– Fall 2021

- I-95 capacity is reduced by one lane in each direction.
- I-95 northbound lanes are closed. Northbound and southbound traffic will now share the southbound lanes.
- There are periodic ramp closures. However, access into and out of the City will always be maintained.

PHASE 2: Fall 2021– February 2023

- I-95 capacity is reduced by one lane in each direction.
- I-95 northbound lanes are open with at least one lane being used for northbound traffic and at least one lane used for southbound traffic.
- I-95 south will have at least one southbound lane open for traffic, the rest of the roadway will be used for construction.
- There are periodic ramp closures. However, access into and out of the City will always be maintained.

PHASE 3: February 2023 – Fall 2023

- All lanes and ramps on I-95 are open to traffic, construction continues on other project elements. ■

STAY UP-TO-DATE

There are several ways to stay up-to-date on Restore the Corridor. The project website RestoreTheCorridor.com will have all the latest news, alerts and public meeting information. You can also sign up on the website to receive project-specific emails and text messages for traffic alerts and project updates. DeIDOT's social media accounts, Facebook and Twitter, will be posting project alerts and updates.



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