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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

### Project Description:

Project No. 105-204

Expansion Joint Replacement, Bridge Nos. 6200A & 6200B, Baldwin Bridge, Interstate 95 Northbound and Southbound over the Connecticut River, Towns of Old Saybrook and Old Lyme

The expansion joints will be replaced across all lanes and shoulders on each approach to the bridge. Work will be performed at off-peak traffic hours as not to disrupt traffic along the I-95 corridor.



Expansion Joint at Baldwin Bridge, Old Saybrook / Old Lyme

### Why it matters

- The Project will replace the existing failing expansion joints.
- The existing joints require continuous maintenance attention.
- The dislocation of the expansion joint components is a safety hazard to motorists.
- The Project restores integrity and function of the expansion joints which allows the bridge to react to temperature changes.

### Solid Investment

- It provides needed safety improvements.
- It revitalizes a component of the aging structure.
- The project was developed under the Departments systematic preventative maintenance program for the preservation of the State's infrastructure.
- The Project will create construction jobs and stimulate ancillary spending in the region.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed, thus preserving a major Connecticut corridor.



### Notable Project Facts

- The Project is being put out to bid on March 18, 2009
- These improvements were recommended by the Department's Office of Bridge Maintenance.
- This Project was fast-tracked in design to address the safety issues related to the existing joints.
- The project will be completed before the close of the 2009 construction season ending 11/30/09.