

REHABILITATION OF NORTHBOUND **GOLD STAR** MEMORIAL BRIDGE **NEWSLETTER**



FIRST EDITION

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge Northbound Rehabilitation Project quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will provide regular updates on project progress, upcoming construction activities, traffic impacts, and key milestones as work continues to improve and preserve this critical transportation corridor. Our goal is to keep residents, commuters, and stakeholders informed throughout each phase of construction highlighting the progress being made to enhance safety, reliability, and the long-term service life of the bridge.



PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING WAS HELD ON MAY 5TH

The project officially kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 5, 2026, attended by Ned Lamont, state and local officials, project partners, and community stakeholders. The event marked the beginning of this important infrastructure investment and highlighted the collaborative effort behind the rehabilitation of one of Connecticut's most vital transportation links.



MILESTONE: THE CROSSOVER



What is a Crossover?

A crossover is a temporary traffic configuration that shifts vehicles from their normal side of the roadway onto the opposite bridge, allowing traffic to continue moving while construction crews safely access work areas.

How does it work?

- Northbound I-95 traffic approaching the Gold Star Memorial Bridge now has two options.
- Some northbound traffic remains on the northbound bridge.
- Two northbound travel lanes temporarily cross over onto the southbound bridge and continue traveling north behind a protective barrier.
- Southbound traffic continues to use the southbound bridge in three travel lanes separated from northbound traffic.

DRIVER REMINDERS

- ★ Slow down and follow posted speed limits.
- ★ Pay close attention to overhead signs and pavement markings.
- ★ Avoid last-minute lane changes.
- ★ Allow extra travel time, especially during peak commuting and summer travel periods.

As part of the Northbound Gold Star Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation Project, a new traffic pattern, known as a crossover, was implemented to safely maintain traffic while construction occurs on the northbound bridge. The crossover is expected to remain in place for approximately four years while major rehabilitation work is completed.

Drivers should follow the reduced speeds through the work zone. **The speed limit is now 45 MPH.**

There is now **increased signage** well in advance of the bridge to help drivers choose the appropriate route. Pay attention to new lane assignments based on destinations.

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MEET SOME OF THE TEAM

Behind every successful project is a dedicated team working together to keep things moving forward. In this edition, we're highlighting a few of the professionals whose experience, leadership, and commitment play an important role in the Gold Star Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation Project. In future editions, we'll continue to introduce you to more of the team members working behind the scenes and in the field to bring this complex project to life.

In this 1st edition, we're proud to introduce our Resident Engineer, Robert Obey; Assistant Resident Engineers, Hank Doll, Mike Ossa and Mike Testa; and Design Engineer, Dean Bagdasarian.

Let's begin with Bob. Prior to joining GM2 Associates, Inc. (GM2), the Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) firm for the current Gold Star Bridge project, Bob worked at the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) for 34 years and served as District Engineer in District 2. He has gained a thorough knowledge of engineering and construction administration experience.

As Resident Engineer, Bob is responsible for overseeing daily construction operations. He works closely with contractors, inspectors, designers, utility companies, and local stakeholders to coordinate construction activities, address field challenges, and keep the project moving forward.

Hank, Mike and Mike, bring a strong combination of experience, technical expertise, and leadership to the project team. Together, they support Bob in overseeing daily construction activities, coordinating with the contractor and inspection staff, and reviewing project documentations, and helping ensure work is completed safely, efficiently, and in accordance with CTDOT requirements. Each of these guys have extensive backgrounds in complex bridge and transportation projects in Connecticut.

Dean provides an important connection between the construction team and the project designer. He works closely with the designer to review and resolve design-related questions and issues that arise during construction. His coordination helps ensure solutions are addressed efficiently, allowing construction activities to continue.

Together, Bob, Hank, Mike, Mike, and Dean each play an essential role in the day-to-day success of the project. Through their combined experience, technical expertise, collaboration, and problem-solving, they work closely to address challenges, coordinate construction activities, and keep the project moving forward safely and on schedule.

Robert Obey, PE
Resident Engineer



Hank Doll, PE
Assistant Resident Engineer



Mike Ossa, PE
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Dean Bagdasarian, PE
Design Engineer



**The strength of the project
is the people behind it.**

I-95 Northbound Realignment

Stage 1 consists of work on the outer sections of the northbound bridge deck.



Work Area

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Stage 1 of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge rehabilitation focuses on work along the outer sections of the northbound bridge deck. During this stage, two lanes of northbound traffic will be maintained in the center of the highway, while construction crews work on both sides of the active travel lanes.

Crews will perform rehabilitation work on the left and right portions of the bridge deck, allowing construction to progress while maintaining two lanes of traffic through the work zone. This configuration will remain in place for about two years.

The New Traffic Dashboard

Our team is constantly looking for new ways to make traveling through the project area easier and to give motorists the information they need before they hit the road. The new Traffic Dashboard is another tool designed to help you plan ahead, providing real-time traffic conditions throughout the project limits. Whether you're checking for congestion, wondering what may be causing a delay, or simply planning your trip, the dashboard gives you another convenient way to stay informed.

Traffic Dashboard

GET REAL TIME TRAFFIC INFORMATION.

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