



Charles Street Interchange



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Changing Traffic Patterns:

The construction of the I-695 / Charles Street Phase 1 Improvements will be accomplished using several traffic shifts along I-695 and Charles Street. The traffic shifts will provide working areas for the Charles Street and Light Rail bridge construction.

Three through lanes along the Inner and Outer Loops of I-695 will be maintained during rush hours throughout the construction. Lane closures will occur during nighttime hours (8 PM to 5 AM) for bridge construction and paving.

The number of lanes will be reduced along Charles Street through most of the construction, allowing the construction to occur as quickly as possible.



Most ramps will have periodic nighttime closures. Advanced warning and alternate routes will be provided.

Two ramps will be closed for extended periods:

Ramp 5: From Southbound Charles Street to the Inner Loop of I-695

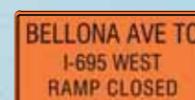


Closure is required during a portion of Construction Phase 2 because of width limitations on the existing Charles Street bridge

Traffic from the north will be detoured to the York Road Interchange

Ramp 8: From Northbound Charles Street / Southbound Bellona Avenue to the Outer Loop of I-695

Closure is required during a portion of Construction Phase 3 because of Light Rail bridge construction



Traffic from the north will be detoured to the York Road Interchange and traffic from the south will use Ramp 1 (Loop Ramp)

Speed Limits:

Posted speed limits on I-695 will be reduced to 50 MPH through most of the construction.



Access to Residences and Businesses:

Access to residences and businesses will be maintained during construction. SHA will work with homeowners and business owners to coordinate construction activities at driveways and entrances to assure the least impact possible.

Nighttime Construction:

Some bridge demolition and construction work must take place at night as it is unsafe to perform with traffic underneath. Noise intensive operations such as pile driving will be prohibited at night. Also, some activities may require nighttime lane closures for safer construction vehicle entrances/exits at work areas.

