
Washington Bridge & I-195 Update

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Washington Bridge & I-195, East Providence/Providence



On Monday, February 10, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) will conduct its next controlled demolition of old [Washington Bridge](#) spans that are part of the current demolition project.

In accordance with approved demolition plans, a span for the old Gano Street off-ramp will be demolished beginning during the daytime on Monday. A second controlled demolition for the same span is expected on Tuesday, February 11.

Similar to earlier controlled demolitions, RIDOT's contractor will position barges under the span which will capture the debris that falls during the operation. Following the controlled demolitions, RIDOT will remove the debris from the barge and position it under the next span to be removed. That next controlled demolition is expected in approximately one week, and RIDOT will provide an additional update once the date has been finalized.

RIDOT remains in close coordination with the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), which has jurisdiction over these waters and examined the site at our request. A small amount of debris may enter the water, and if that occurs, RIDOT will remove it promptly. RIDOT continues to monitor dust and noise levels daily and has observed no excessive levels from the controlled demolition activities.

RIDOT remains on schedule to finish the demolition of the superstructure and then complete the demolition of the bridge's substructure by the end of the year.

Other planned activities on I-195 include [overnight right and center lane closures](#) on I-195 East on the Washington Bridge, Tuesday-Thursday nights, February 18-20, and Sunday-Thursday nights, February 23-27, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., for installation of electrical cables for the Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) system cabinets.

Through Sunday night, March 2, motorists can also anticipate up to two lanes of travel closed on both I-195 East and I-195 West before and after the Providence River Bridge for bridge preservation work, Sunday-Thursday nights, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

All of this work is part of our ongoing effort to have a high level of maintenance on this bridge. We are doing work proactively to provide a

measure of safety.



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