

-Traffic Advisory Reminder-

East Providence Impacts of the Washington Bridge Rehabilitation Project



The City of East Providence is reminding motorists that recent traffic changes made by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) have had significant impacts on travel times within city limits. These changes are part of the Washington Bridge Rehabilitation Project and involve the closing of the Gano Street (Exit 3) off-ramp on I-195 West, the opening of a temporary on-ramp from Taunton Ave. to I-195 West, and a decrease in travel lanes on I-195 West across the bridge. Resulting delays have impacted travel times on Taunton Ave., Warren Ave., Broadway, Pawtucket Ave., the East Shore Expressway, and several roads connecting these major thoroughfares. We ask that motorists allow extra time for commute and consider alternate routes. RI DOT detour maps are available at: http://www.dot.ri.gov/travel/detours_construction_maps.php.

As we enter the school year we expect additional motorists, school busses, and pedestrians on the road. City officials, school administrators, and transportation representatives have met, and will continue to meet, with RI DOT to express concerns related to the increased traffic and offer assistance in developing suitable alternatives. Parents of both public and private school children are reminded that the use of bus transportation, when available, is preferred as it decreases the amount of vehicles entering congested school zones. Motorists are asked to anticipate children walking to school and waiting for busses, and proceed with caution around crosswalks and intersections.