

Project Overview

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is performing a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study to research ways to reduce congestion on I-95 between Interchanges 7 - 9 as well as concepts to replace the I-95 bridge over Metro-North Railroad and Myrtle Avenue.

Why is this Study being conducted?

The I-95 bridge, which carries the interstate over the Metro-North Railroad and local streets in the City of Stamford, is approaching the end of its useful life and solutions must be developed to allow for its eventual replacement. In addition to this, the alignment of I-95 and the closely spaced on and off ramps through Stamford contribute to daily congestion and high crash rates.

What will this Study do?

The I-95 Stamford PEL Study will examine alternatives to replace the I-95 bridge over Metro-North Railroad and Myrtle Avenue, reduce overall congestion on the section of I-95 between Exits 7 and 9, serve existing and future needs, and identify opportunities to improve traffic operations, travel time, and safety. Root causes of congestion will be identified through analysis of current and projected traffic.

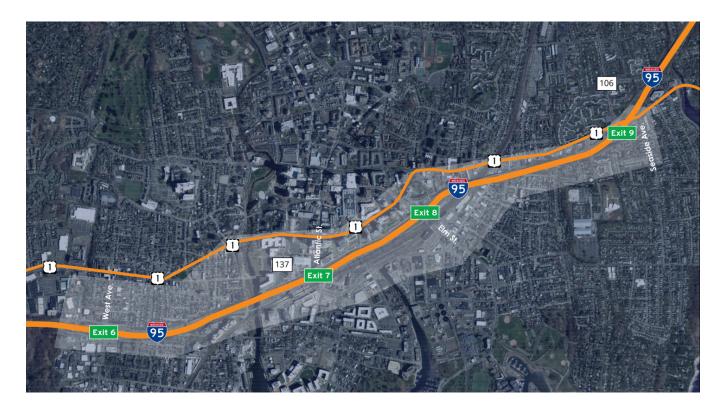
What will the product of the PEL Study be?

The product will be a report that outlines a vision for the study area and provides recommended solutions. These solutions will include short-term upgrades (1-5 years) as well as medium-term (5-15 years), and long-term (15+ years) improvements. The report will consider local communities and other development, local conservation plans, development plans, and public and agency input.

Project Schedule



I-95 in Stamford



I-95 in Stamford is one of the most heavily traveled roadways in the state and carries approximately 120,000 vehicles per day into, out of, and through the City. Interchanges 7 and 8 both provide access to Downtown and their ramps carry high volumes onto and off of the highway. In addition to car and truck traffic, rail (Metro-North Railroad and Amtrak), bus, bicycle, and pedestrian users all use the area every day.

The Study area includes I-95 from West Avenue (Exit 6), Stamford Transportation Center area (Exit 7), Canal Street/Elm Street area (Exit 8), I-95 bridge over Metro-North Railroad and Myrtle Avenue, U.S. Rte. 106/Seaside Avenue area (Exit 9), and various diversion routes (e.g. U.S. Rte. 1, local roads, etc.).

Get Involved!

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