



Danvers – Route 128 Reconstruction  
General Overview of Upcoming Work

**Project Description** - Danvers – Route 128 (#87612) \$23.1 million - This project will construct new acceleration/deceleration lanes at the Route 35 (High Street) and Route 62 (Elliot Street) interchanges. The project also includes the replacement of the bridge carrying Route 128 over an unused MBTA rail road located south of the High Street interchange. The work includes construction of retaining walls at the Elliott Street northbound on-ramp and noise barriers at both interchanges. The project will be followed by a second phase constructed under a future project, which will widen Route 128 to include outside and inside shoulders and a new median barrier. The project is being constructed by D.W. White Construction, Inc. from Acushnet and the work is being overseen by the MassDOT – Highway Division’s District 4 Office.

**Work Dates:** December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 8<sup>th</sup>

**General Description of Work/Locations:**

- Soil Remediation – All contaminated areas remain secured with fence and excavated material has been covered as required.
- Bridge Replacement – The temporary by pass roads are in place and demolition of the existing bridge is expected to be completed by December 29<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will then begin the excavation of the northerly bridge abutment and installation of gravel to create an access ramp to the work area.
- Utility Relocations – MassDOT staff continues to work with Verizon to resolve utility conflicts and required easements.

**Work Hours:** Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM – dependant on traffic conditions.

**Anticipated Lane Closures or Detours:** The on ramp from Route 35 (High Street) Eastbound to Route 128 Southbound and the off ramp from Route 128 Southbound to Route 35 (High Street) Eastbound remain closed. Affected drivers are being diverted to the ramps located in the northwest quadrant of the interchange using Milton Road.

There will be lane closures on Route 128 northbound in the area of the Route 35 interchange to support soil remediation efforts. The ramp from Route 128 northbound to Route 35 southbound (Exit 23S) will be closed as needed daily for access to the remediation work.

There will also be periodic lane closures during the week as needed for maintenance of the work zone roadways to address any potholes etc. If necessary, the closures will occur between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM.

**Anticipated Parking or Pedestrian Access Impacts:** None at this time.

*Progress Photos:*



*Area of existing bridge (Route 128 over the Railroad Corridor) that has been demolished. Photo also shows temporary Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls constructed on either side of the existing bridge to support temporary Route 128 travel lanes.*

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*Temporary Route 128 travel lanes constructed as part of the revisions to the traffic management plan to allow the bridge replacement to proceed on an expedited schedule. Photo depicts conditions on Route 128 Southbound. A similar configuration is in place for Route 128 Northbound.*