

# Project Update

## Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements, Fall River



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### Project Advisory: Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements

### Demolition of Route 79 Southern U-Turn Bridge Begins April 24

#### What Is Happening?

MassDOT is scheduled to begin demolition of the Southern U-Turn Bridge on Monday, April 24. Construction work hours will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Detours will be in place 24 hours per day from Monday, 4/24 at 7am to Friday, 4/28 at 3:30 pm.

*Please note the schedule for these major infrastructure projects is dependent on weather and COVID-19 guidelines and subject to change without notice.*

#### Detour Routes

\*Detours are not concurrent and subsequent notice will be given prior to implementation of individual detours

**Vehicles seeking to use cross-streets should utilize the following detours:**

##### *Southern U-turn Bridge*

- Davol Street southbound to Davol Street northbound:
  - Proceed south to the signalized intersection of Water Street/Central Street.
  - At the intersection, turn right and follow Water Street.
  - Take the second left onto Anawan Street.
  - At the next traffic signal, turn left onto Western Fall River Expressway/ Route 79 northbound/ Route 138 northbound.
  - Proceed north through the next traffic signal.
  - Continue to your destination.
- Davol Street northbound to Davol Street southbound:
  - Proceed north to the President Avenue signalized intersection.
  - Turn left onto President Avenue.
  - Turn left again at Davol Street southbound.
  - Proceed south on Davol Street.
  - Continue to your destination.

**Pedestrians and bicyclists seeking to use cross-streets should utilize the following detours:**

##### *Southern U-turn Bridge*

- Davol Street northbound to Davol Street southbound:
  - Travel north along the sidewalk on Davol Street past City Pier.
  - A crosswalk is signed and marked to cross Davol Street southbound and northbound (see graphic attached for location).
  - Proceed across Davol Street southbound and use the sidewalk to cross at President Street.
  - Cross Davol Street northbound to Turner Street.
  - Continue to your destination.
- Davol Street southbound to Davol Street northbound:
  - Travel north along the sidewalk on Davol Street to Turner Street.
  - A crosswalk is signed and marked to cross Davol Street northbound and southbound (see graphic attached for location).
  - Proceed across Davol Street northbound and use the sidewalk to cross at President Street.
  - Cross Davol Street southbound to City Pier.
  - Continue to your destination.

## How Will this Affect You?

We respectfully request pedestrians utilize the detour signage and cross Route 79 at the designated crosswalks. Signs will be posted 48 hours in advance.

## Travel Tips

During this preliminary construction phase, Davol Street will remain open to vehicular traffic. All parking lots and driveways will remain accessible. Please take care to pay attention to all signage as it is posted.



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## About the Project

Davol Street and Route 79 run along the Taunton Riverfront in Fall River. Currently, access between the neighborhoods and the waterfront is limited and the corridor lacks bicycle accommodations. MassDOT is redesigning the mile-long corridor to improve mobility, connectivity, and safety along and across Route 79 and Davol Street. The corridor will be transformed into a multi-modal urban boulevard, connecting the neighborhoods to the Taunton River while promoting economic growth by creating new development parcels to contribute to economic development.

## Stay Informed

You can find more details about the Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements Project by visiting the project website at <https://www.mass.gov/route-79-davol-street-corridor-improvements>. If you have questions about this project, please do not hesitate to email us at [Route79DavolSt@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Route79DavolSt@dot.state.ma.us).