

Atlantic Street reopens as bridge repair finishes

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STAMFORD — Over the weekend, traffic was allowed back on Atlantic Street near Interstate 95, as a multi-month construction project is set to wrap up soon.

Back in February, the street was closed between the south side of South State Street and Dock Street. The first four months or so of the work involved installing a new center pier on the road and widening Atlantic Street to three lanes in each direction.

During the 4th of July week, the old bridge, which carries five tracks for Metro-North Railroad and Amtrak trains, was taken down and a new one put in place over the course of roughly 10 days. As portions of the old one were demolished, new pieces — constructed off site in movable portions — were wheeled in and installed, under a method called Accelerated Bridge Construction.

The new Atlantic Street Bridge is wider and will allow for an additional train track to serve the stations at Glenbrook, Springdale, New Canaan and Danbury.


The last couple of months of the project involved lowering Atlantic Street to accommodate a new clearance of 14 feet, 6 inches. The projects to replace the railroad bridge and improve the adjacent Exit 8 ramp are expected to cost a total of \$100 million to \$120 million and are entirely state funded.

Pedestrians may now access the Atlantic Street sidewalks under the new bridge.

Drivers should still expect occasional lane closures as work will continue to “complete and stain the retaining walls on South State Street which are being constructed to permit additional upgrades to the Stamford Train Station,” according to a press release from the state.

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