

Bridge swap city — Stamford to see another project in late spring

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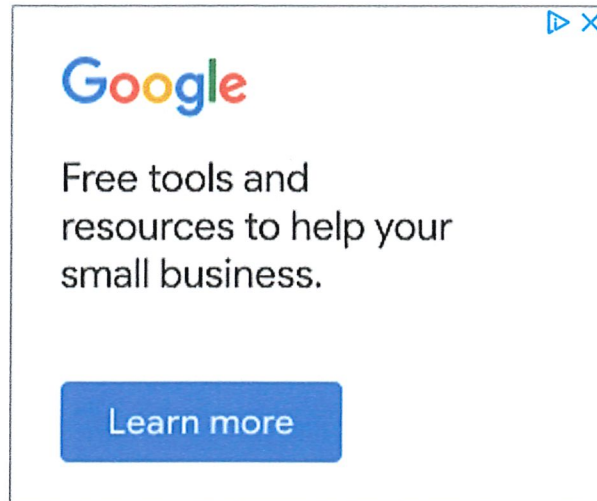
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The state Department of Transportation will in late spring replace the Route 1, known as East Main Street, overpass over Interstate 95 in Stamford, Conn.

STAMFORD — The ambitious Atlantic Street bridge replacement in the city's South End, **which just started detouring traffic this week**, isn't the only multimillion-dollar bridge swap in town.

Just head 1.5 miles east on Interstate 95 and you will come across another replacement in the works, although it won't change traffic patterns until late spring.

There, where Route 1 spans five lanes of I-95, the state Department of Transportation is now working in a nearby field erecting the superstructure of a new bridge. Those odd looking yellow towers in the middle of the off ramp circle are the temporary supports. The agency will slide the bridge spans into place over two weekends in late May and early June.



The steel and concrete bridge being swapped — built in 1958 and “structurally deficient,” according to a national bridge database — carries 16,900 vehicles a day on average, according to the state DOT.

Similar to the [bridge swap over Atlantic Street](#), the project is an accelerated bridge construction, or an “ABC,” where the bridge is built nearby and then moved into place as the old one is concurrently demolished to speed the project along.

Each span, weighing 900 tons, will be trucked in on the weekends of May 31 and June 7, said project manager Louis Eveno. That’s when that sliver of Route 1 will close to traffic.

[Here’s the timetable](#) for the bridge replacement.

Once the work begins, both northbound and southbound drivers will be forced to travel on Hamilton Avenue and Courtland Avenue, where, yes, the state is now working on another congestion-inducing project.

That project, to add a left-turn-only lane at the busy intersection of Courtland and Route 1 while adding sidewalks to the west side of Courtland and making other intersections — with Seaton Road and Hamilton Avenue — handicap accessible.

Eveno said the plan is for work on Courtland to cease before his project begins.

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