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Greetings,

If you travel Route 146 daily, you already know that construction activity is over for the season, though you may still see utility trucks at work in the area.

The 2016 construction season has been a success. The roundabout has been installed, though it will not be fully operating with two lanes until the new bridge opens.

Two of the four culverts for the unnamed stream north of the bridge are installed and backfilled. Next year the crew will need to install a culvert across Riverview Road and another across Route 146 near S. Main Street. The foundation for the multi-use path has been laid and will be completed in 2017. Building the path and expanding the roadway width from 2 to 4 lanes required significant tree removal and cutting into the slope on the east side of the project. The roadwork will need several more months next year to be fully constructed.

All three bridge piers have been erected. The bearings are in place so that construction of the steel superstructure can begin as soon as weather allows in the spring. We've included photos in this update so you can get a close up view of the piers. The large barge that was used to stage the construction has been moved downstream for the winter and will be brought back in the spring, while the segmental barges (i.e., Flexi-Floats) have been removed and stacked at the site.

The project team would like to thank the traveling public, boaters, neighbors and all who have been affected by our project for their patience and support in the last year. Those who called or wrote to us with suggestions on how we could improve, we appreciate your feedback, too! Staying connected with the public always is important to make a project run smoothly.

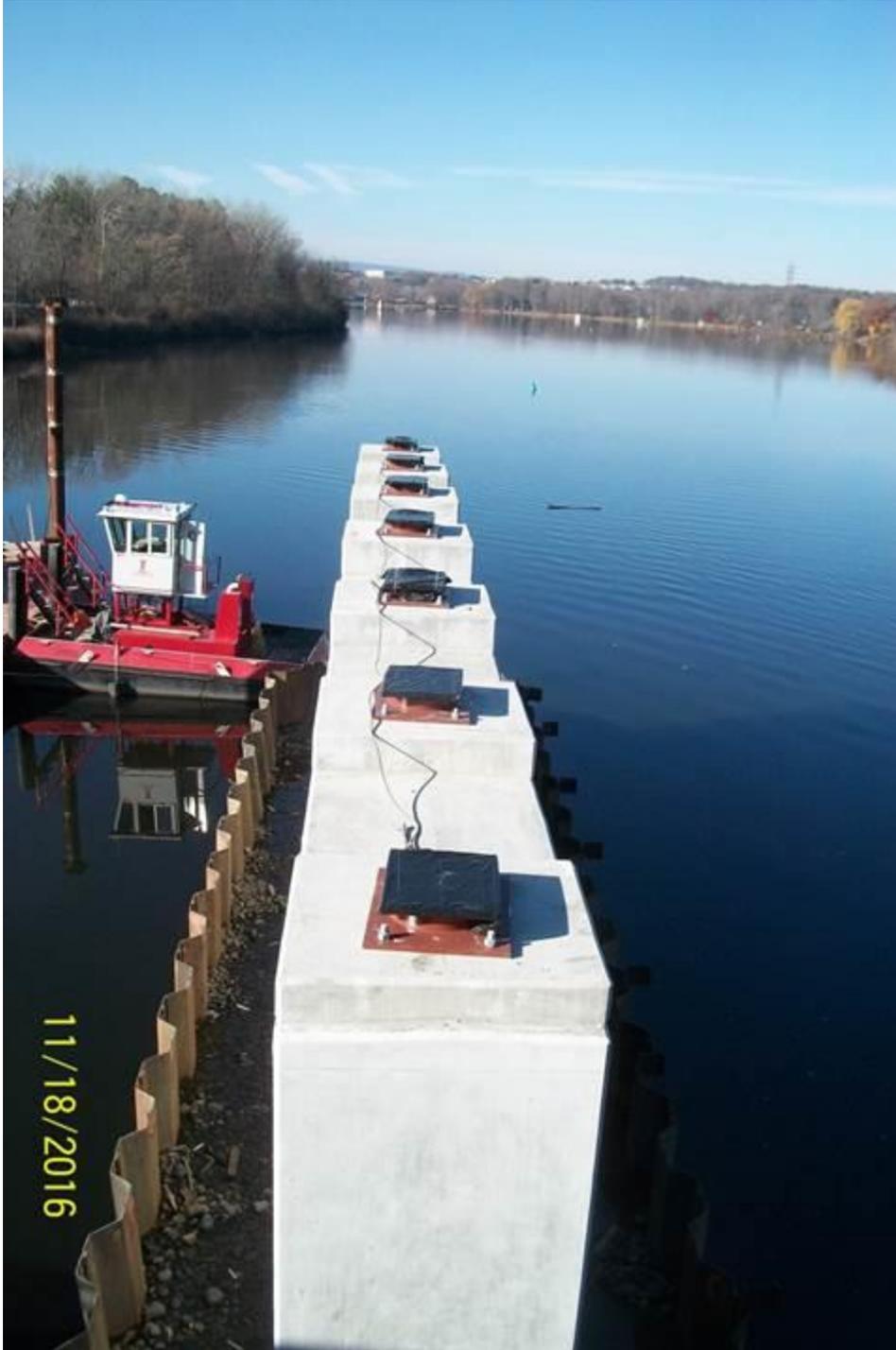
Our best to you this holiday season. We look forward to finishing up our work in 2017.



Route 146 north of the bridge where the preliminary work for the widened roadway and multi-use path has been done.



Looking from the south abutment, three completed piers in the water are visible.



Looking down at the top of Pier 1, you can see the bridge bearings in place that will support the steel bridge girders.

Bearings allow controlled movement (caused by thermal expansion, contraction or seismic activity) of the bridge.



The Roundabout as it stands today.



A current view of the three piers in the river and the north abutment.



All marine-based equipment that was floating in the river has been removed.