

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, December 26th the Town Council Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that all Groton Town offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Day holiday on Monday, December 25th. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday with your friends and family.

MYSTIC EDUCATION CENTER UPDATE

Groton has now released the Mystic Education Center Request for Proposals (RFP) after gaining state authorization. The RFP requests developers to submit proposals within 60 days of release. The Town and State will review the proposals to determine the best future development scenarios to offer economic and community benefit to Groton. There are numerous developers that have expressed interest in this project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a press release from both the City and Town Police Departments for the Bridge Street on ramp to I-95 Southbound closure to begin on December 23rd.
2. Attachment 2 is an invitation from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Public Information Meeting for the Replacement of Bridge No. 03903, Mosher Avenue over Amtrak, on January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Town Hall Annex.

Attachments
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation on December 20, 2017 is announcing an on ramp closure that will affect travel over I-95 Southbound from both the City and Town of Groton. **Effective December 23, 2017 State of Connecticut DOT will close the Bridge Street on ramp to I-95 Southbound from the City of Groton.** State DOT has not given us a time for closure execution on December 23 at this point, and that information will follow later. **The Bridge Street on ramp will be closed for an extended duration of time.** On December 19, 2017 both City of Groton and Town of Groton Police and Fire Officials met with DOT personnel to discuss this decision by them and to begin planning to address obvious traffic flow and emergency response concerns it will create. Both the City of Groton and Town of Groton Police Departments will have personnel assigned on December 23, 2017 to address the closure and assist in implementing detours to alternate routes of egress and access to I-95 Southbound. We are anticipating traffic tie ups as a result of this decision. Our apologies for any inconvenience this decision will make for any travelers. Both our agencies stand prepared to assist with this closure which we realize is being announced on extremely short notice.

State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has created a website to provide information to commuters specific to this project at The Gold Star Memorial Bridge. It is <http://www.i95goldstar.com>

The webpage will be updated and will provide information on the project.

Attached is the news release from State of Connecticut Department of Transportation .

Group: Construction News

Contract No.: 0094-0252

Headline: I-95 Southbound On-ramp Closure. The Bridge Street on-ramp to I-95 Southbound in Groton shall be closed beginning December 23, 2017.

Teaser:

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is announcing the Bridge Street on-ramp to I-95 Southbound in Groton, shall be closed beginning December 23, 2017, to improve maintenance and protection of traffic as part of the ongoing I-95 Southbound Gold Star Bridge Rehabilitation Project, in Groton and New London. The ramp will be closed for an extended duration.

Body of the Message:

The project consists of repairs to the I-95 Southbound Gold Star Bridge. The repairs include structural steel repairs, concrete deck patching, joint replacement, illumination, and paving. Construction activities began the week of 4/17/17. Long-term lane shifts/closures will be part of the construction sequence. Additional off-peak hour lane closures may also be necessary to expedite the needed repairs.

DOT Project No. 0094-0252 was awarded to Mohawk Northeast, Inc. of Plantsville, Connecticut, for a cost of \$26 million on December 16, 2016 and is scheduled to be completed November 30, 2018.

RAMP CLOSURE INFO:

The Bridge Street on-ramp to I-95 Southbound in Groton shall be closed.

Bridge Street Traffic shall be detoured to SR 12 (Long Hill Road) to the I-95 Southbound on-ramp.

North Street Traffic shall be detoured to Meridian Street, to SR 349, to the I-95 Southbound on-ramp.

For additional information, please visit the Department's Gold Star Memorial Bridge website at the following location: <http://www.i95goldstar.com>

THE INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN FOR PRESS INFORMATION TO SHOW UP ON MAP AND WEBSITE

Specific Date e-alert to be issued: December 20, 2017

NOT FOR PUBLICATION MAPPING ONLY

DOT Project No.: **0094-0252**

Routes: **I-95 Southbound**

Towns: **Groton, New London**

Highway log: **93.451 to 94.735**

Project Start Date: **April 17, 2017**

Anticipated Completion Date: **November 30, 2018**

OW/OS Travel way Restrictions Information:

Bridge Street Ramp Closed

I-95 SOUTHBOUND BRIDGE STREET ON RAMP CLOSURE: DETOUR ROUTES



