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**I-95 Major Deck and Superstructure  
Rehabilitation South of the Fort McHenry Tunnel**

**Northeast Bridge Preservation Partnership Conference  
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# Agenda

- **About MDTA**
- **History of FMT**
- **Project Development**
- **Project Design Elements**
- **Project Construction**
- **Q&A**



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Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40)

John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95)

Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95)

Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695)

Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Thruway (I-895)

Intercounty Connector (MD 200)

Bay Bridge (US 50/301)

Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301)



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- William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301) – 4.3 miles
- Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) – 11.0 miles (1.9 miles bridge)
- Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895) – 18.25 miles (1.4 miles tunnel)
- Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95/I-395) – 13.2 miles (1.5 miles tunnel)
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) – 51.6 miles  
(1.0 mile Millard E. Tydings Memorial Bridge)
- Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40) – 1.9 miles
- Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301) – 2.1 miles
- Intercounty Connector (MD 200) – 17.5 miles



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# Project Limits



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**I-95, South of Fort McHenry Tunnel to Caton Avenue  
Work in Both NB and SB Directions**

# Project Overview

- Located in Baltimore City on I-95, South of the Fort McHenry Tunnel to Caton Avenue
- Project Length 4.4 miles
- Mainline I-95 and Ramp Bridges Serving I-95
  - Expansion Joint Replacements
  - Riding Surface Replacement
- Work Began in 2014 and Completed in 2016  
(Deck Work - Two Construction Seasons)



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# Fort McHenry Tunnel Facility

- **I-95: Construction Dates of Bridges Varied; North of Tunnel Primarily in Early 1970's, South of Tunnel Primarily in Late 1970's**
- **Bridges Comprised of 8 to 8.5 Inch Depth Cast-In Place (CIP) Concrete Decks, Steel Box Girders, and Steel Plate Girder Superstructures**



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AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (ADT)	
North of I-395:	South of I-395
68,600 SB	96,900 SB
64,600 NB	96,400 NB
6,900 SB-AM Peak	6,700 SB-AM Peak
2,800 NB-AM Peak	6,600 NB-AM Peak
3,600 SB-PM Peak	7,100 SB-PM Peak
6,000 NB-PM Peak	6,500 NB-PM Peak

# FMT Bridge Deck Rehab History

- North of FMT was Resurfaced in Early 2000's
- Resurfaced 12 Bridges in 2001
- Resurfaced 22 Bridges in 2004
- South End Had Latex Modified Concrete (LMC) Overlay When Originally Constructed
- Epoxy-Coated, Reinforcing Steel, 2-2 ½ Inches Cover



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# MDTA Inspection Program

- **Early 2000's Deck Condition Survey (Sampling, Chloride Testing) Revealed Deck in Fair Condition. High Chloride Levels Extend to 2-inch Depths**
- **Regular Inspections of Decks, Which Included Top Side and Soffit**



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# Bridge Deck Conditions



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# Bridge Joint Conditions



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# Project Scope of Work

- **Mill and Resurface Bridge Decks (Riding Surfaces)**
- **Repair and Replace Aged Bridge Deck Joints and Drainage Troughs**



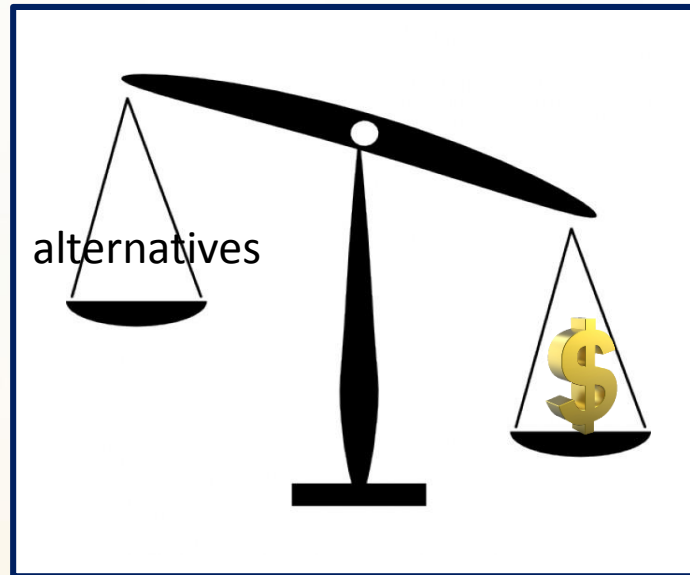
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# Project Scoping Phase

- **Decision Factors and Process**  
(Brief MDTA's Capital Committee, TSO)
- **Traffic Impacts and Analysis**
- **Budgeting, CTP Funding**
- **Construction Alternatives**  
(i.e. Phasing, Materials)



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# Potential Issues and “Musts”

- **Concentrated Outreach Before, Throughout, and Following Each Construction Phase Necessary**
- **Deliberate but Efficient Concrete Placement and Curing Vital to Success of Project**
- **Be Ready to Respond to ANYTHING - Schedule Modifications**
  - **Weather / Incidents / Complaints/ Concerns**
- **Diverted Traffic to Alternate Routes to Reduce Travel Delays, Especially During More Impactful Stages**



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**ready**  
when the time comes

# Associated Projects

- **I-95 / I-395 Zone Painting and Steel Repairs (Began in 2014)**
- **I-95 High Mast Lighting (Began Early 2015)**
- **I-895 Canton Viaduct (In Design)**



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## Project Design Elements



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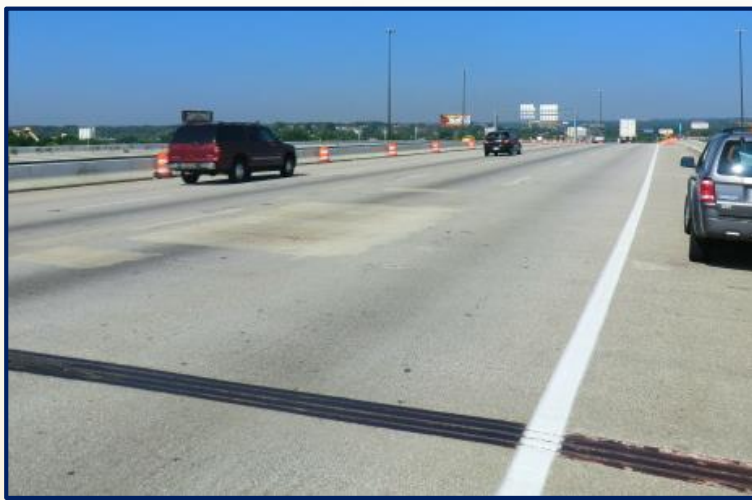


# Preliminary Investigations

- **Assessment of Existing Conditions**
  - Review Historical Data / Inspection Reports
  - Baseline Condition Assessment
  - Emergency Repairs
- Interview Agency Personnel
- Evaluation of Findings
- Prioritization of Defects



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# Final Scope of Project

- Rehabilitation to 28 Bridges
- Overlay of 18 Bridge Decks
- Replacement of 67 Joints



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# Desoto Road Test Project

- **Completed in 2012**
- **Evaluate Manpower / Traffic Impacts / Noise Levels / Production Rates**

## Key Findings:

- Long Term Traffic Shifts Required
- Multiple Crews to Work on Multiple Bridges / Simultaneously
- Single, Double, Triple Lane Closures
- Need for rapid strength concrete materials



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# Traffic Impacts

- **Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) on Segments of I-95, & On and Off Ramps**
- **Lane Splits and Shifts on I-95 Mainline – Construction Areas in Each Direction**
- **Full-Time and Part-Time Ramp Closures, and Detours Around the Work Zone**
- **Non-Emergency Lane Closures Restricted to “Off-Peak” and “Non-Event” Hours, Days, Nights & Weekends**
- **Diversions to Other Harbor Crossings**
- **Significant Impacts During Peak Hours Particularly in “Split Traffic” Phases**



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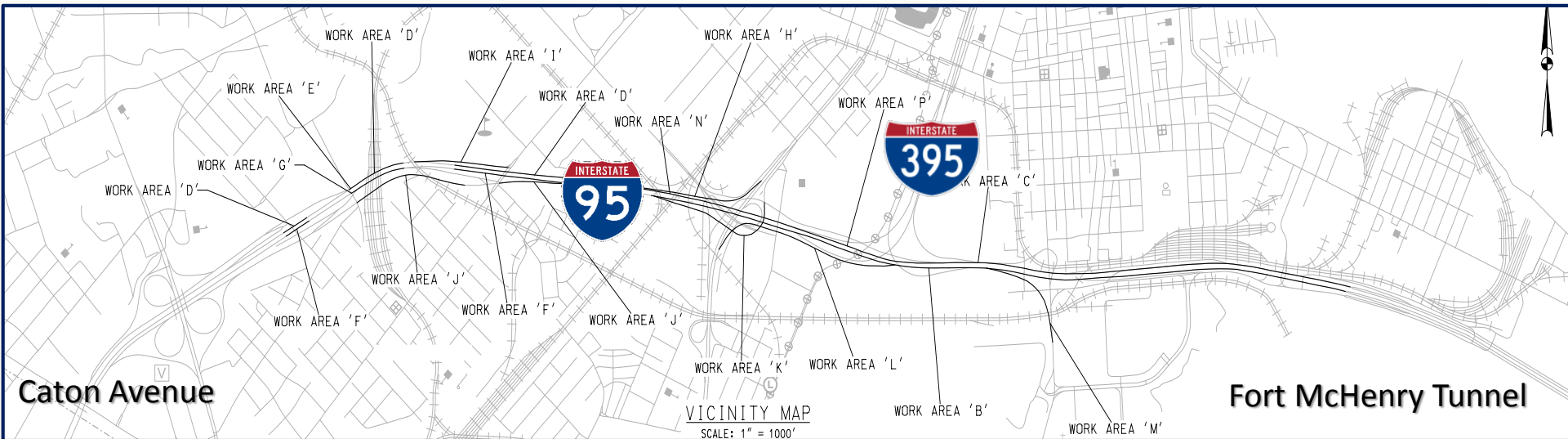


# Maintenance of Traffic

- Staged Construction with Ramp Closures
- 16 Separate Work Zones
- Up to 5 Stages in Each Work Zone



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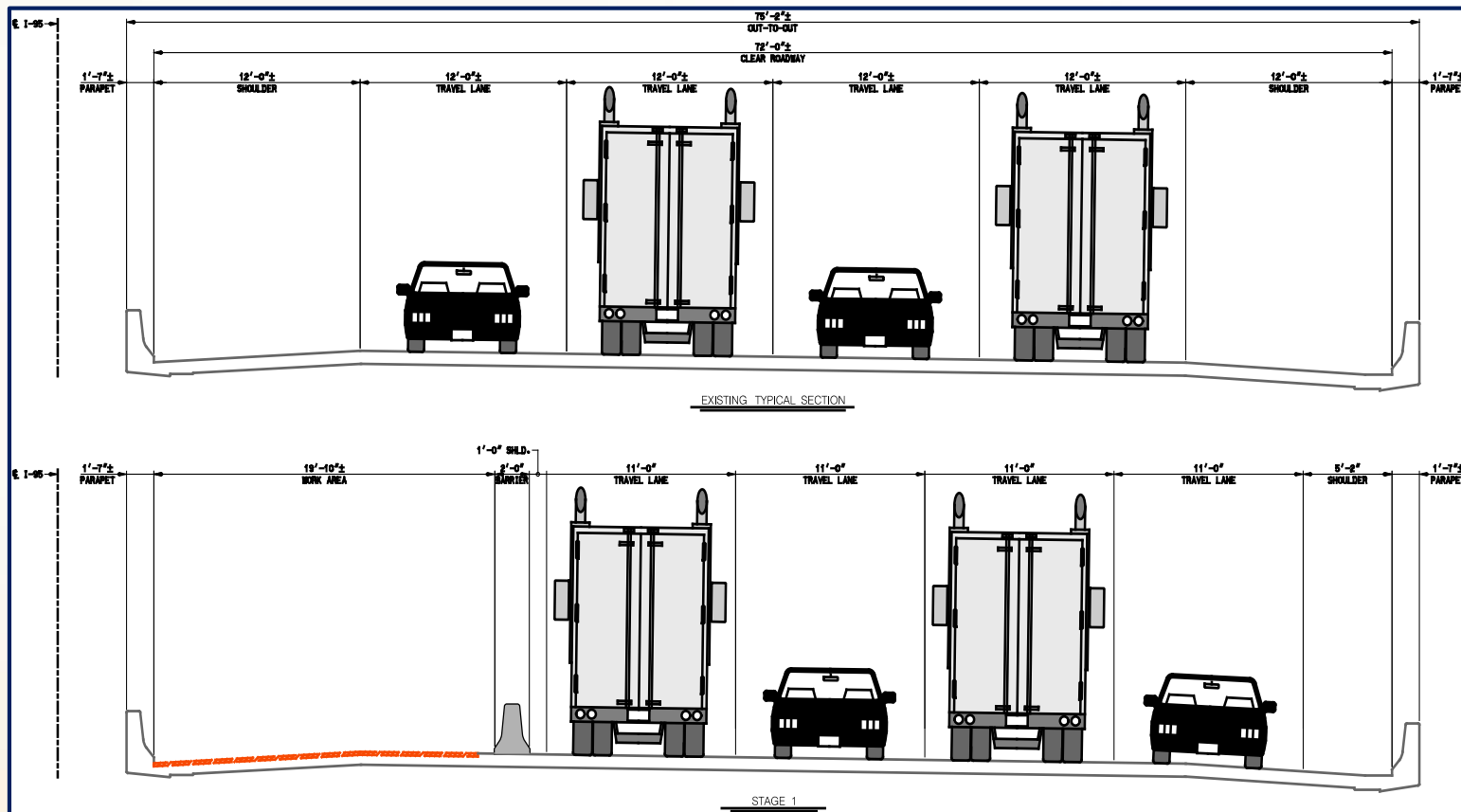


# Maintenance of Traffic - Mainline

## Sequence of Construction



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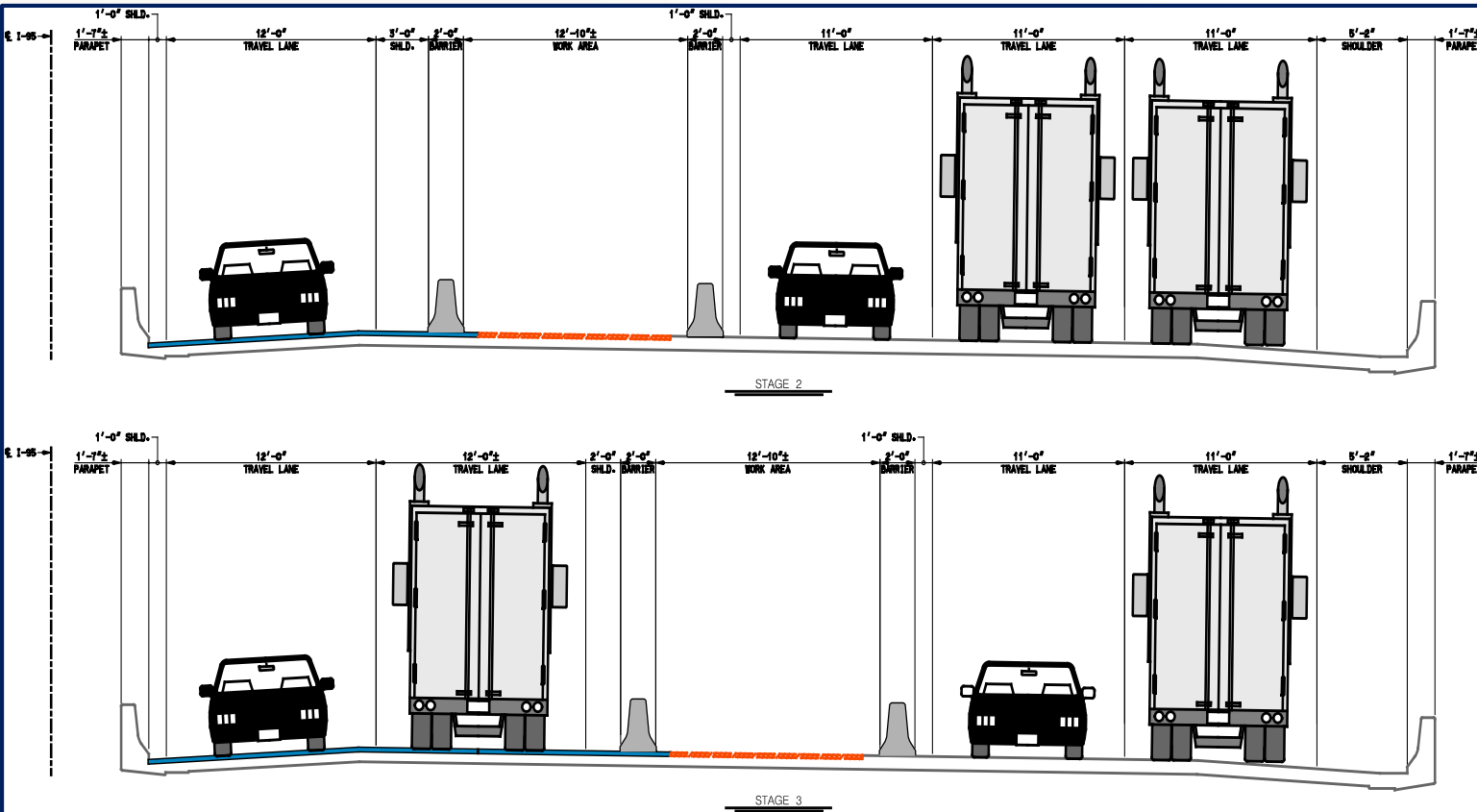


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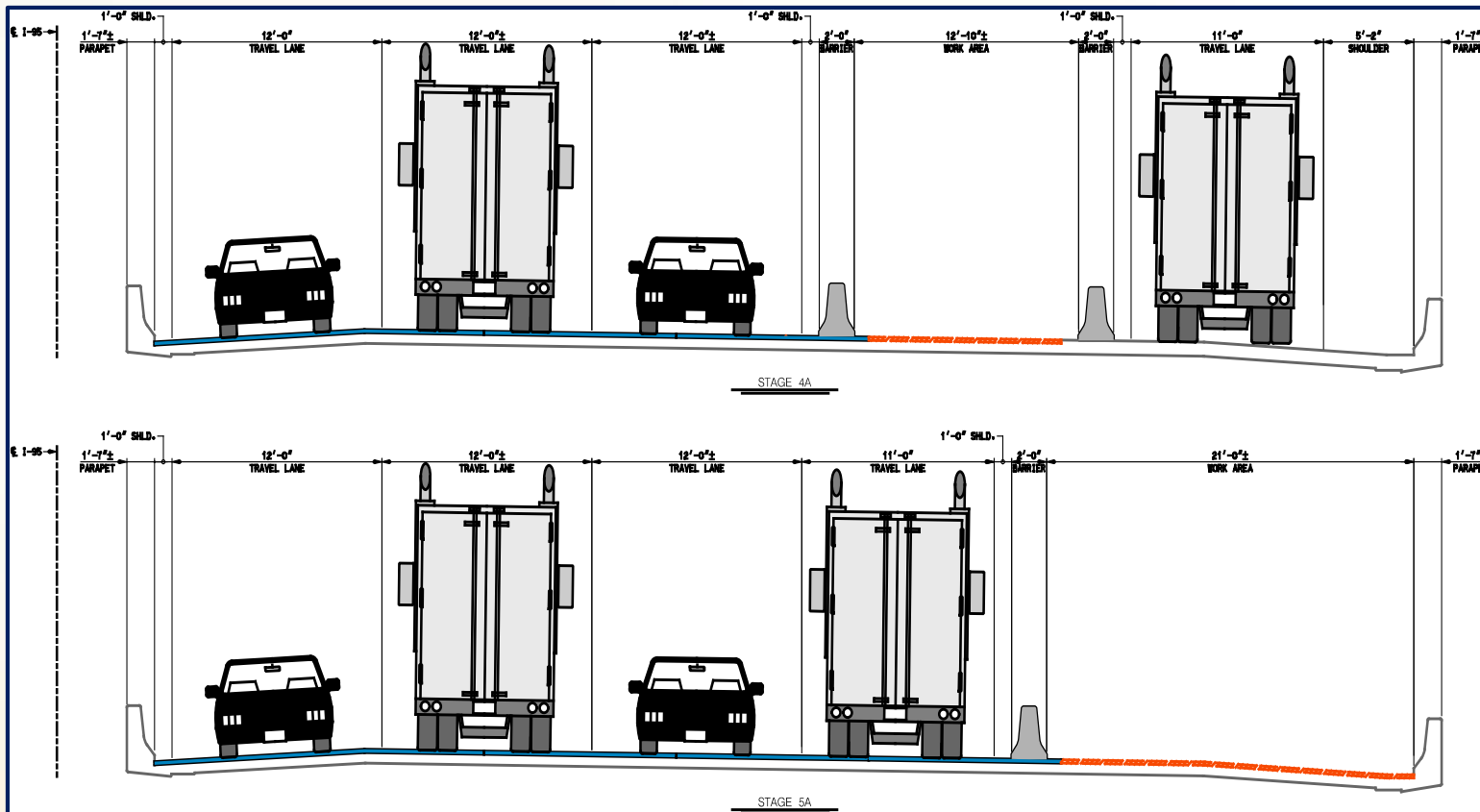


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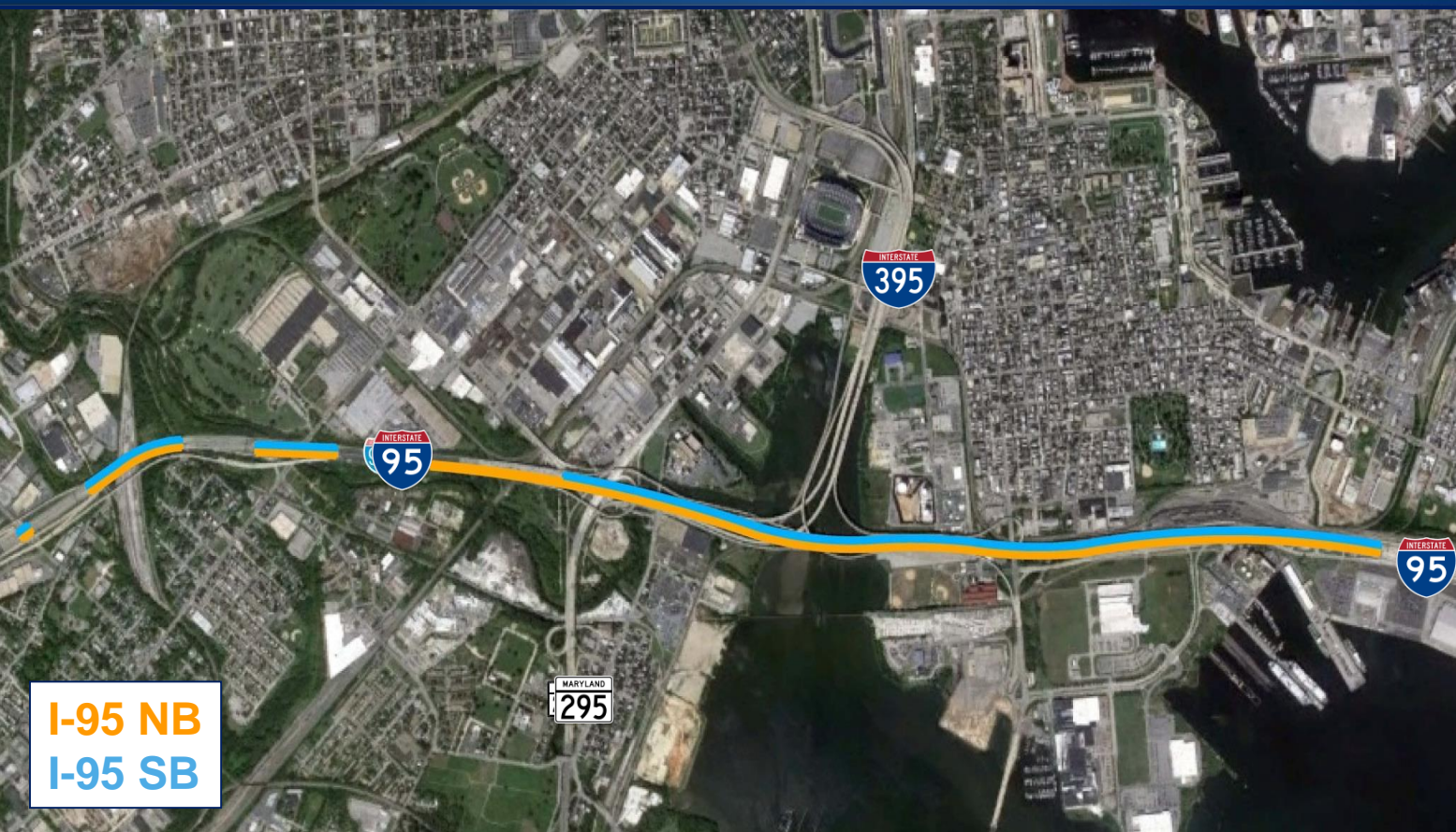


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# Traffic Impacts - Mainline



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- Mainline Lane Shifts
- All Lanes Open with Reduced Widths
- Lane Closures Only “Off-Peak” Hours






# Traffic Impacts - Ramps



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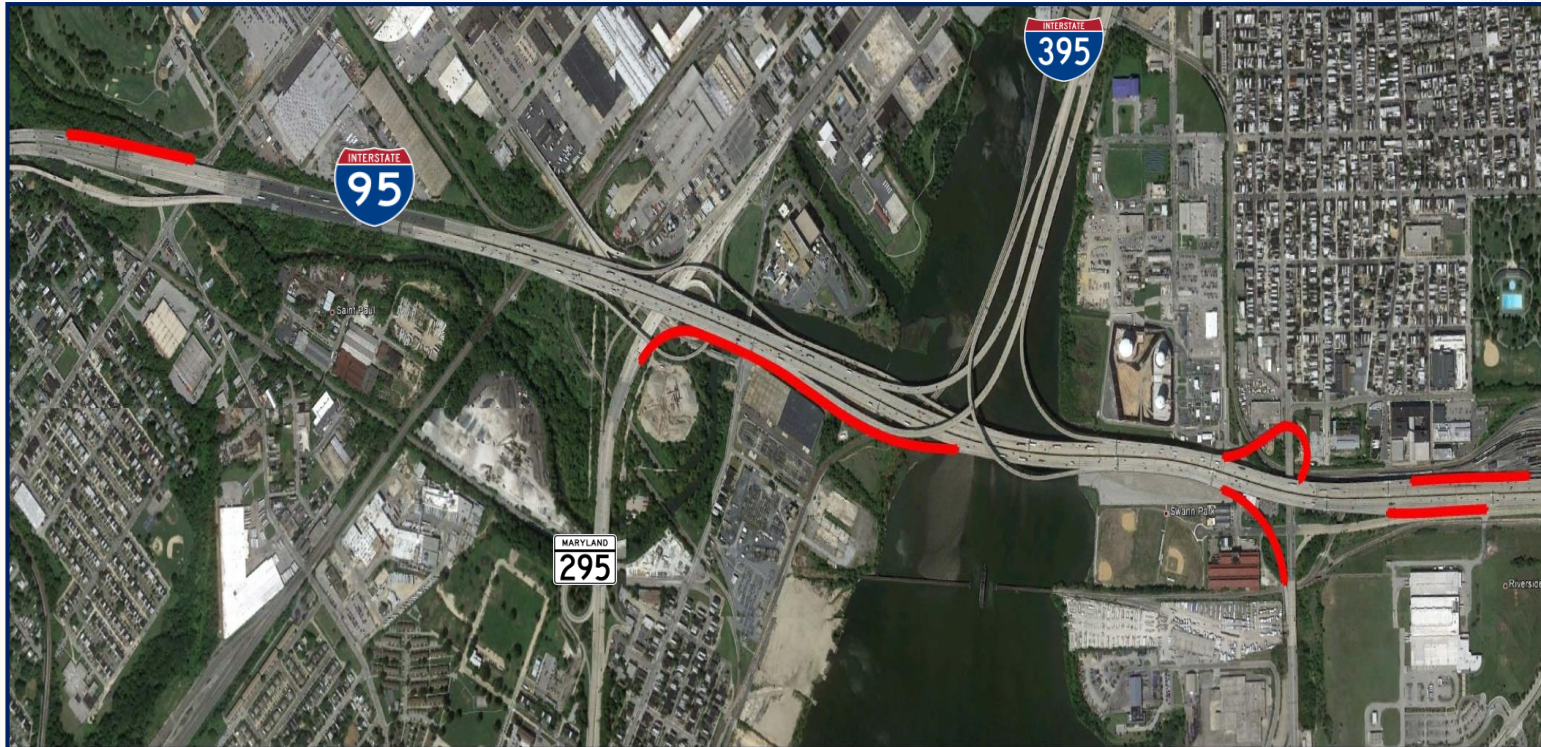


## KEY:

-  Full-time Closures (Up to 1-2 Weeks at a Time)
-  Part-time Closures (Nights / Weekends)
-  Open, but Reduced to One Lane



# Full-Time Ramp Closures



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- McComas Street to I-95 Southbound
  - Hanover Street to I-95 Southbound
  - Washington Boulevard to I-95 Southbound
  - MD 295 Northbound to I-95 Northbound
  - I-95 Northbound to Hanover Street
  - I-95 Northbound to Key Highway
- Never at the Same Time
- Never at the Same Time



# Limited Ramp Closures



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- I-95 Southbound to I-395 Northbound
- I-95 Southbound to MD 295 Southbound
- Russell Street to I-95 Southbound
- I-95 Southbound to Caton Avenue
- Caton Avenue to I-95 Northbound
- I-95 Northbound to Russell Street
- I-395 Southbound to I-95 Northbound

- I-95 Northbound to I-395 Northbound
- I-395 Southbound to I-95 Southbound

# Maintenance of Traffic



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		WORK AREA - B								WORK AREA - C																
		AREA - A	STAGES 1-3	STAGE 4A	STAGE 4B	STAGE 4C	STAGE 4D	STAGE 5A	STAGE 5B	STAGES 1-3	STAGE 4A	STAGE 4B	STAGE 4C	STAGE 5A	STAGE 5B	STAGE 5C	AREA - D	AREA - E	AREA - F	AREA - G	AREA - H	AREA - I	AREA - J	AREA - K	AREA - L	AREA - M
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# Joint Repairs

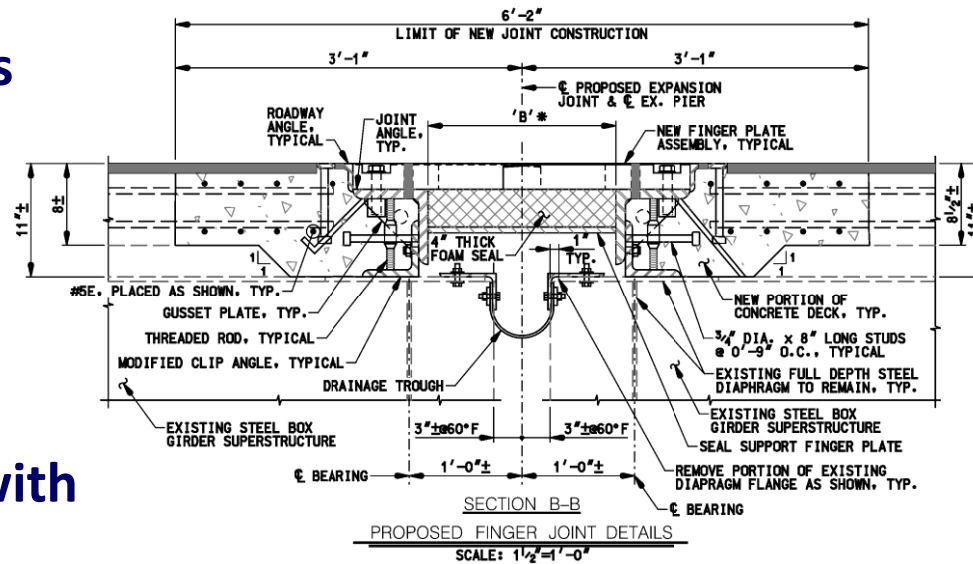


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## Replacement of 67 Expansion Joints

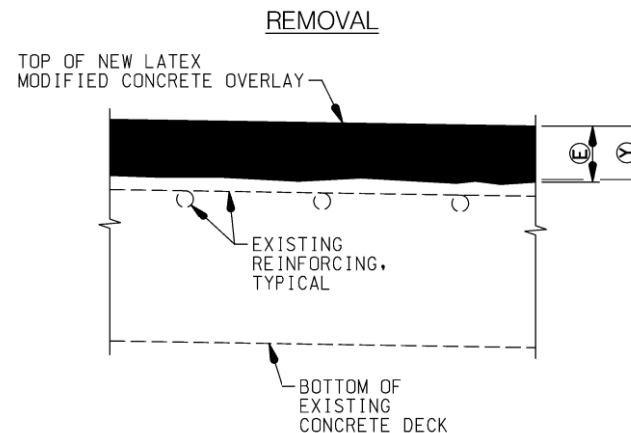
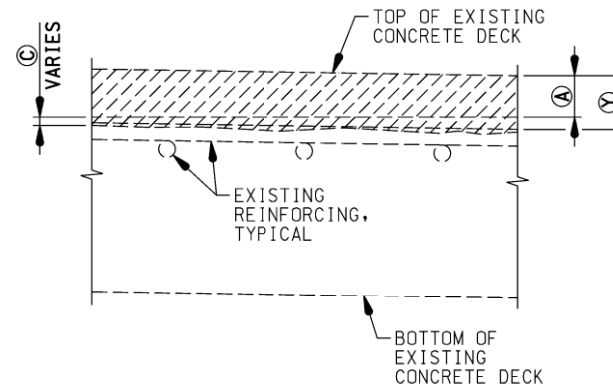
- Various Joint Types
  - Finger Joints
  - Strip Seals
  - Compression Seals
  - Poured Seals
- Behind Barrier with Overlay
- Labor Intensive Work – Time Consuming
- Drainage Troughs



# Construction Specifications

## Development of the LMC Specifications

- Remove an Average of 2 Inches of Surface Mechanical Milling (1.25 in) / Hydrodemolition (0.75 in)
- Additional Removal to Repair Deteriorated Concrete
- Clean up Debris, Loose Concrete
- Epoxy Coat Exposed Steel
- Additional Steel Reinforcement as Needed
- Provide Shielding and Forms As Necessary
- Clean (Waterblast or Abrasive Blast) Surface



PROPOSED

TYPICAL LMC OVERLAY DETAILS

SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"



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# Construction Specifications

## Unique LMC Elements Incorporated:

- **Hydrodemolition Effluent**
  - Trucking offsite
  - MDE Industrial Waste Discharge Permit
- **Test Holes in Existing Deck – Every 100sy**
  - Locating Reinforcing Steel
  - Thickness of Existing LMC Overlays
- **Weight Restrictions for Milled Decks**
  - Maximum Axle Load – 18kips
  - Maximum Uniform Load – 450 psf



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# Concrete Payment Items

## Items Included:

- SY Removal and Disposal of Existing Wearing Surface
- CY Removal of Portions of Existing Deck
- CY Additional Removal of Portions of Existing Deck (Beyond Established Removal)
- CY Furnishing LMC (Per Meter Readings)
- SY Placing LMC (Including Grooving, Curing, etc.)
- LF Repair Bar
- SF Formwork for Full Depth Deck Repairs



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# Public Outreach

## Key Message: Avoid Area, if Possible

- **Crucial to Alert Transportation Stakeholders and the Public About the Project's Necessity, Components, Schedule, Traffic Impacts, and Detours**
- **Motorists Advised of Traffic Impacts and Delays, and Encouraged to Use Alternate Routes**



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# Public Outreach

## Strategy:

- Proactive Media Outreach, Traffic Reporter Briefing, News Releases and Traffic Advisories
- Coordination with EZPass Customers, Elected Officials, Schools, Businesses, Emergency Services, Hospitals, and Industry Groups
- Website and Social Media Updates
- Print, Radio, Outdoor and Digital Communications
- Ground-Mounted / Overhead Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)
- Printed Materials – Posters, Flyers, Postcards for Adjacent Residents and Businesses



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# Public Outreach

## Sister Agencies Targeted:


- Maryland Stadium Authority
- Baltimore City Department of Transportation
- Baltimore City Police/Fire Department
- Maryland Transit Administration Police
- State Highway Administration
- Maryland Port Administration



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# Bidding - Goals

- **Get Strong Bidding Pool and Competition**
  - **Respond to Contractor Questions During Bidding Period**
  - **Recognize Project Challenges (MOT Restrictions, Surface Removal, Cleaning)**
  - **Incentives / Penalties**
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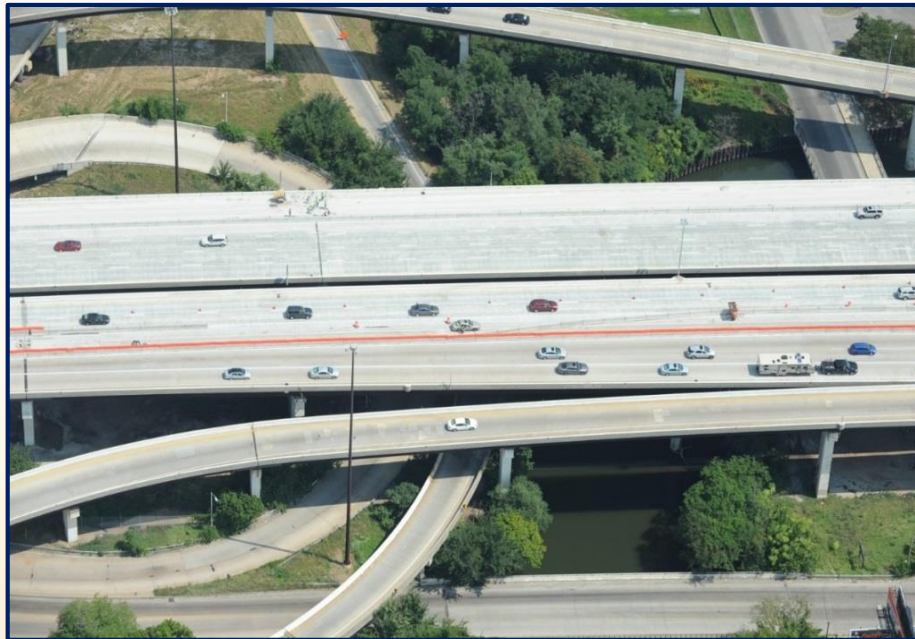
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# Contract Particulars

- **Deliberate Bidding Period (7 Weeks)**
- **Partnering Required**
- **4 Bids Received**
- **Wagman Heavy Civil (York, PA)**
- **\$51,106,123.39**
- **26% MBE Goal**



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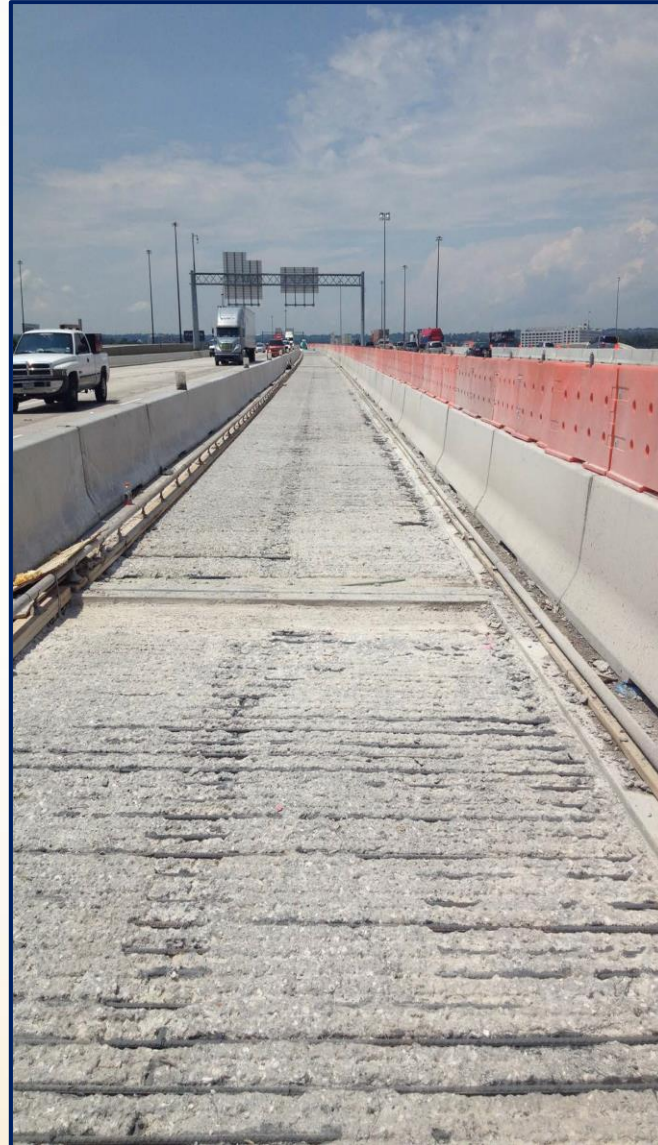
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## Project Construction



# Construction Aspects

- **Schedule**
- **MOT Phases / Lane Shifting**
- **Deck Removal**
- **Deck Preparation**
- **LMC Placement / Curing / Grooving**
- **Joint Replacement**



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# Scheduling

- **Began in March Each Year – Weather Dependent**
- **April 1st – “Up and Running” with Work Areas**
- **Seasons ended October 2014 and September 2015**
- **TOTAL LMC Duration – 13 Months**



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# 2014 Project Schedule



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Location		April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	August 2014	September 2014	October 2014	November 2014
Northbound I-95	Work Area B	<div>Stage 1</div> <div>Stage 2</div> <div>Stage 3A</div> <div>Stage 3B</div> <div>Stage 4A</div> <div>Stage 4B</div> <div>Stage 5A</div> <div>Stage 5B</div>							
	Work Area P	<div>Stage 1</div> <div>Stage 2</div> <div>Stage 3</div> <div>Stage 4</div> <div>Stage 5</div>							
Southbound I-95	Work Area C	<div>Stage 2</div> <div>Stage 2</div> <div>Stage 3A</div>							

# 2015 Project Schedule

LOCATION		April 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	August 2015	September 2015	October 2015	November 2015
Northbound I-95	Work Area B	Stage 4C	Stage 4D	Stage 5A North		Stage 5B South		Stage 5A South	
	Work Area F	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4		Stage 5		
	Work Area G	Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4							
Southbound I-95	Work Area C	Stage 3B	Stage 3A	Stage 4A	Stage 4B	Stage 4C	Stage 5A	Stage 5B	Stage 5C
	Work Area D/E	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4				
	Work Area D					Stage 5			
	Work Area E					Stage 5A	Stage 5B		



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# Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Phases

- **47 Work Areas Required Traffic Pattern Shifts**
- **Traffic Sensitive Work Areas had Calendar and Duration Limitations**
- **Restrictions on Work Areas Performed Concurrently**
- **Seasons Over November 2014 and September 2015**



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# Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

## Closures and Lane Splits

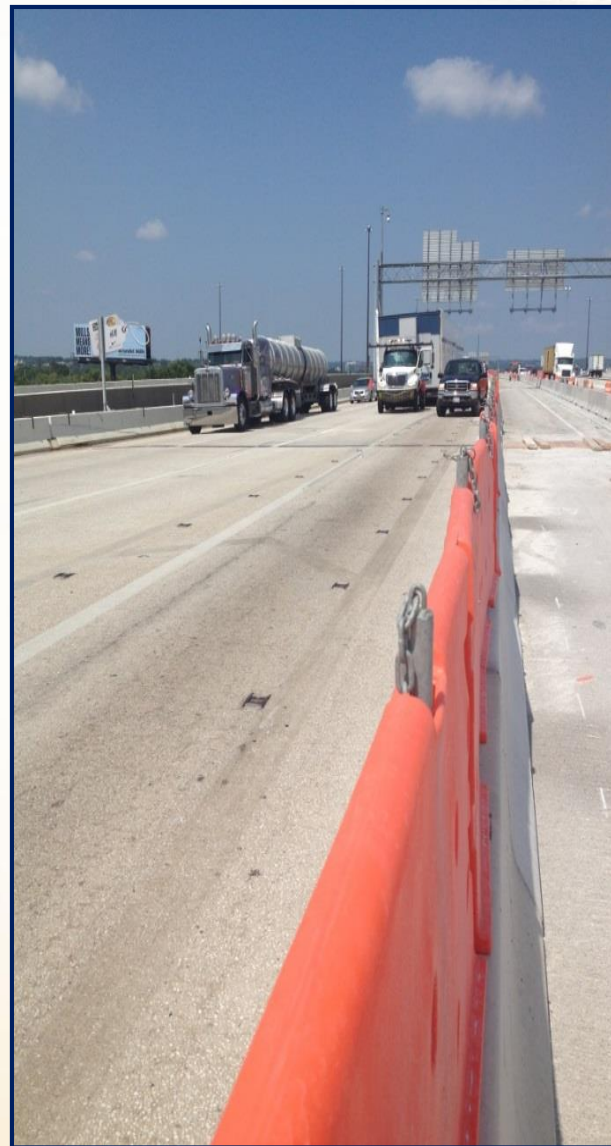


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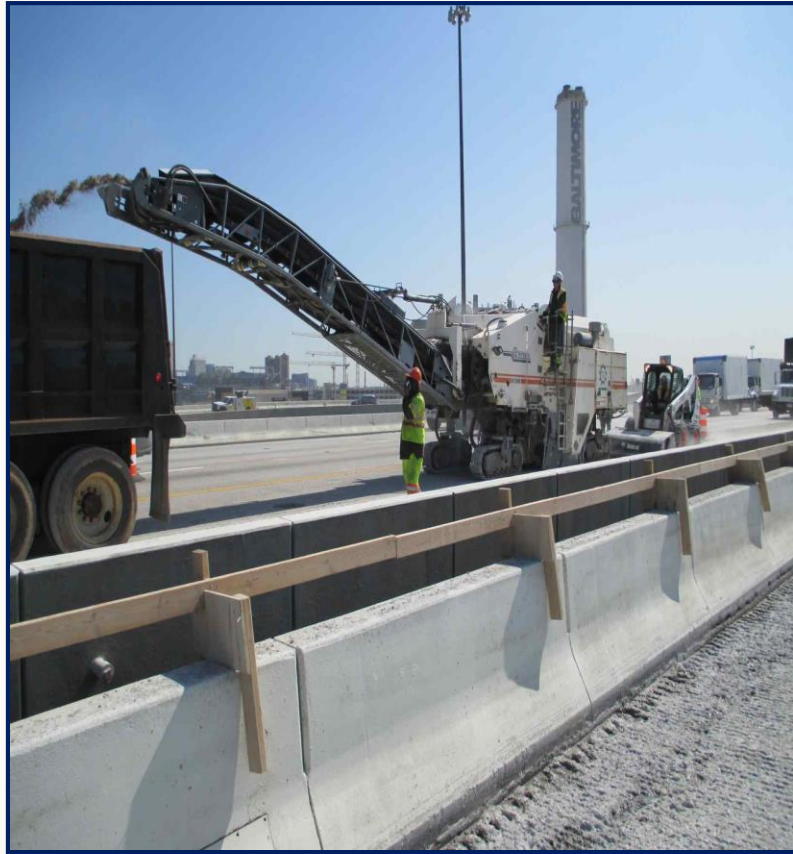
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# Deck Removal (Mechanical)



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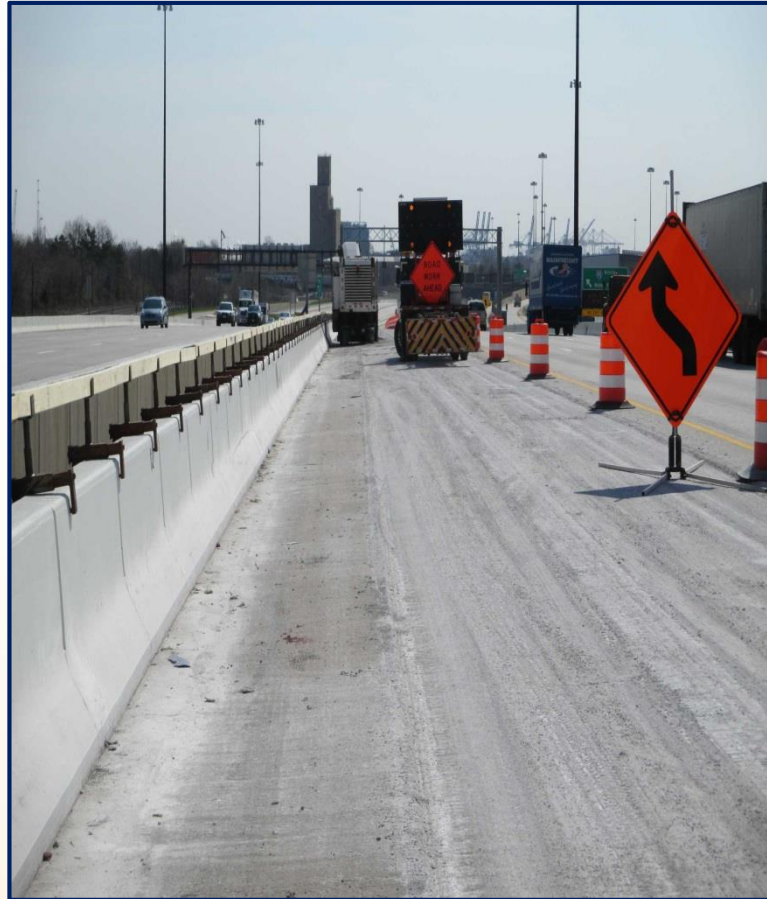
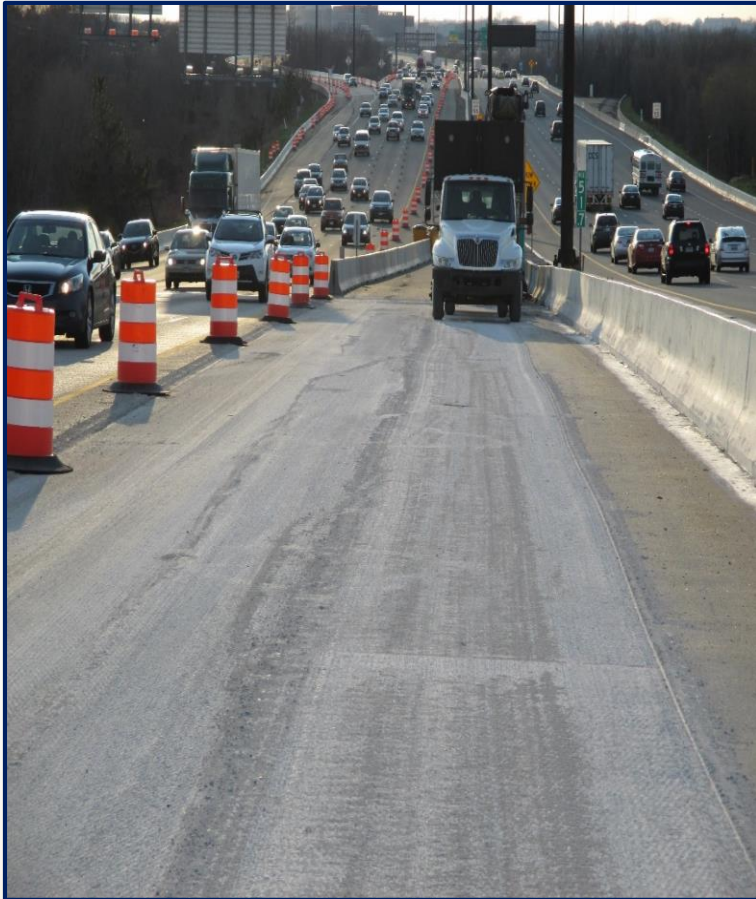




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# Deck Removal (Hydro)



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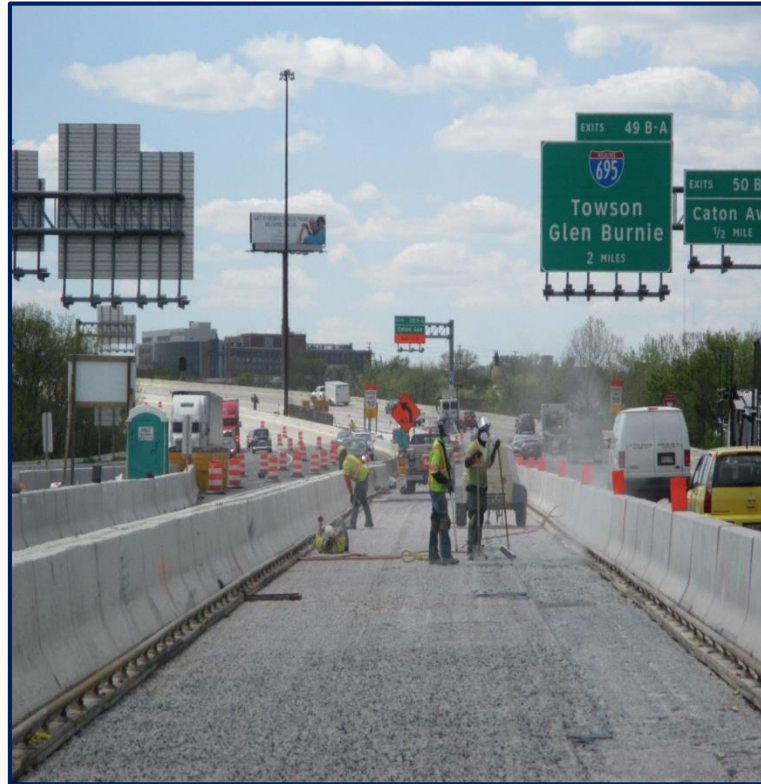
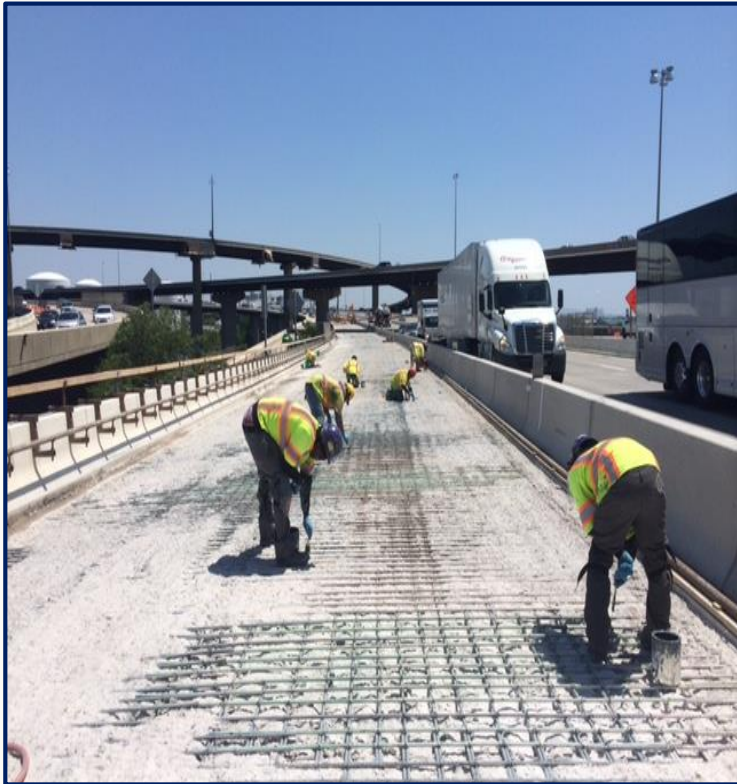
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# Deck Preparation



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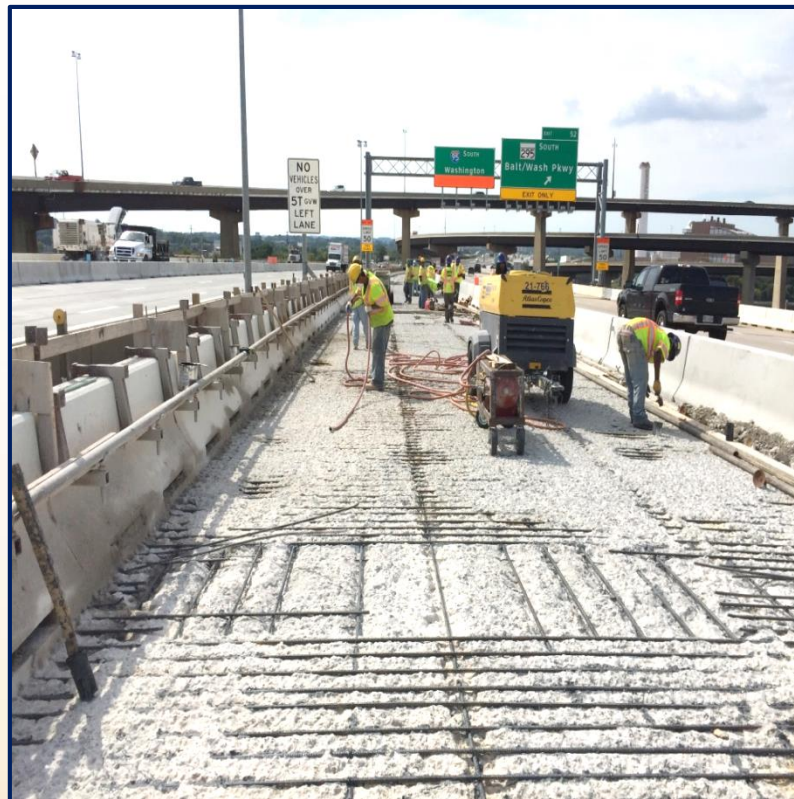
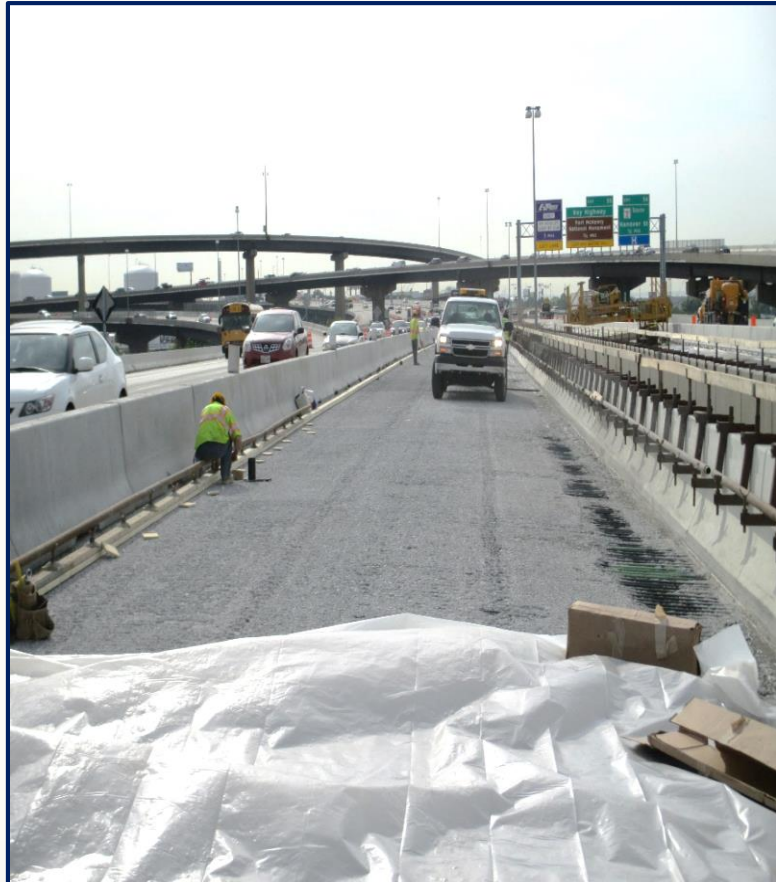




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# Placement of LMC



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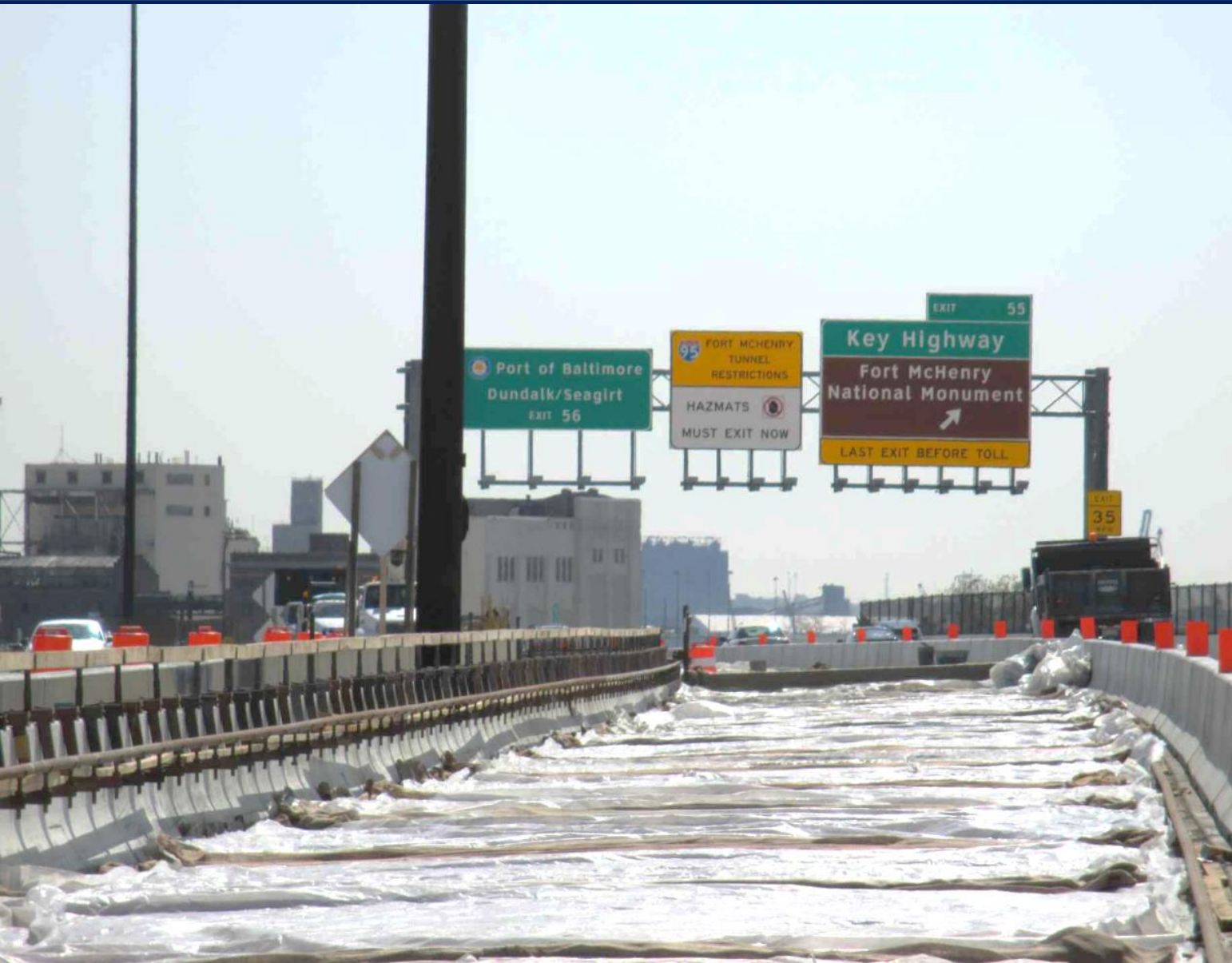
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# LMC Curing



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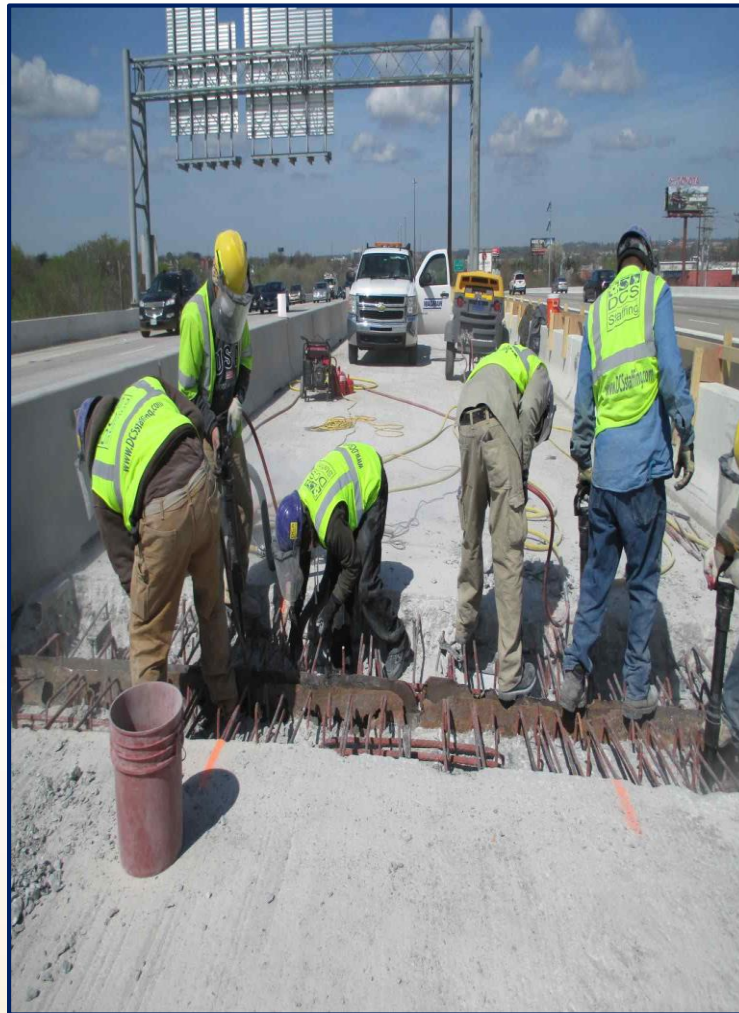
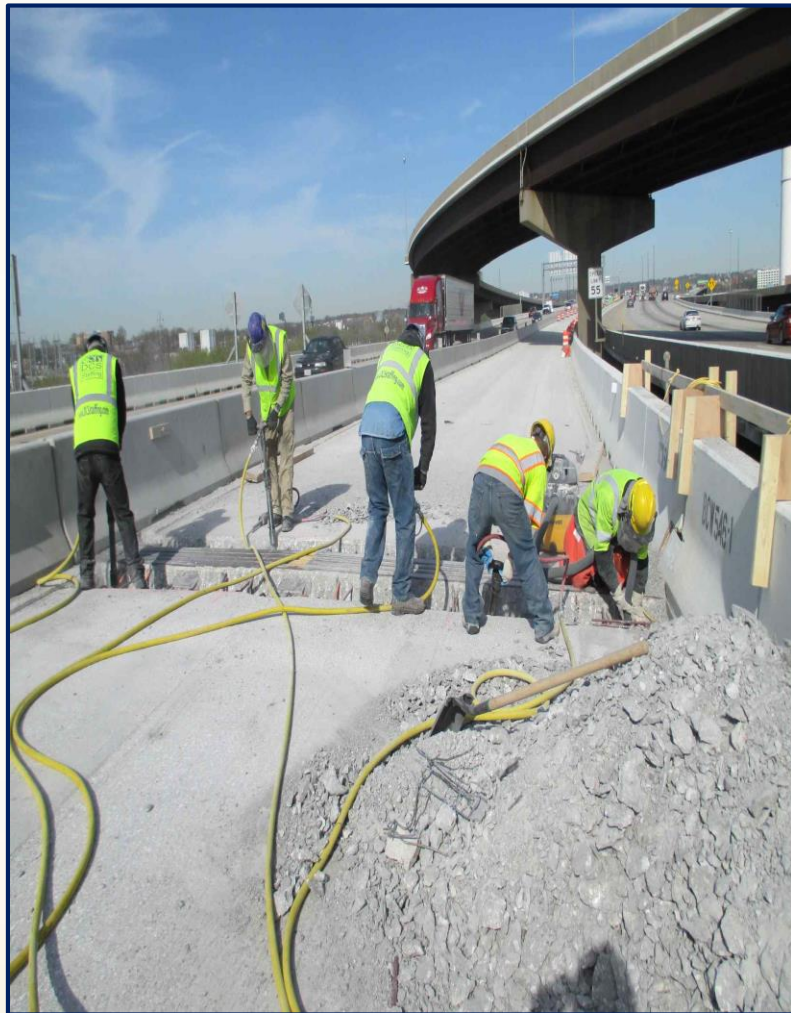
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# Joint Removal



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# Joint Installation



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# Project Facts

- **47 Total Work Area (Traffic Shifts Occurring as Often as Every Few Days - 14 in 2014; 33 in 2015)**
- **1,247,342 LF (236 Linear Miles) of Temporary Markings**
- **275,163 LF (528 miles) of Temporary Barrier**
- **2,725 LF (About ½ mile) of Joint Replacements**



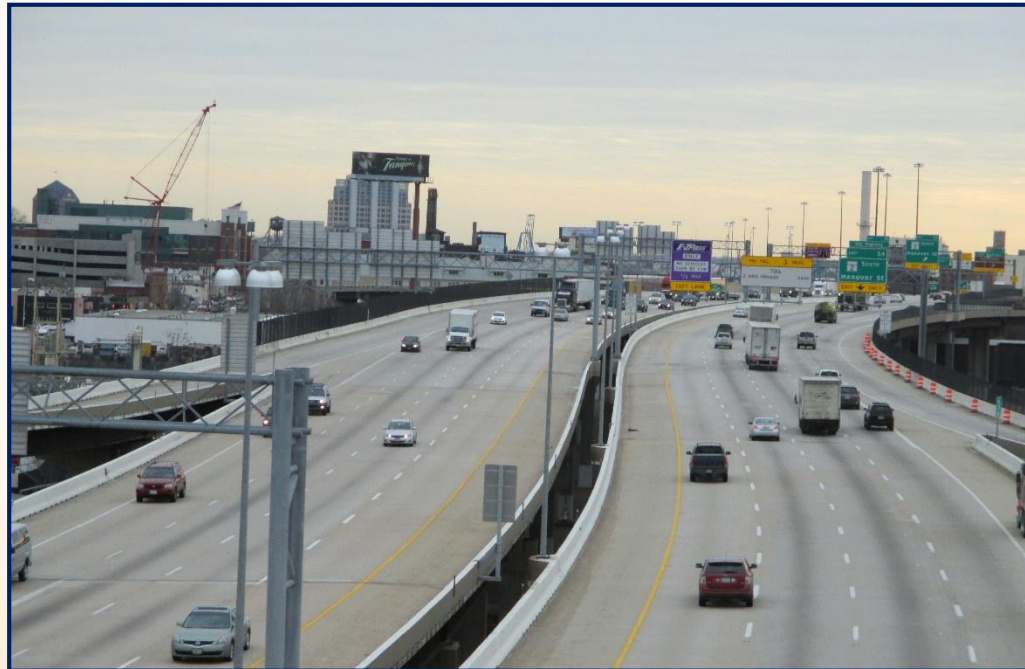
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# Project Facts

- **236,735 SY (About 44 Football Fields) of Latex Modified Concrete Placement**
- **15,695 CY (the Equivalent of Almost 31,400 Tons) of LMC Placement**
- **106,540 LF (20 Linear Miles) of Permanent Markings**
- **10,900 Tons of HMA on Roadway Approaches**



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