

16@95 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Bridge Replacement: Interstate 95 North

The Interstate 95 (I-95) Interchange with Interstate 16 (I-16) looks quite different these days! The demolition of the existing I-95 northbound bridge over I-16 will be underway soon. During this demolition process, which was featured in the August 2020 newsletter, all traffic on I-95 will utilize what has historically been the I-95 southbound bridge to allow for demolition of the I-95 northbound bridge.



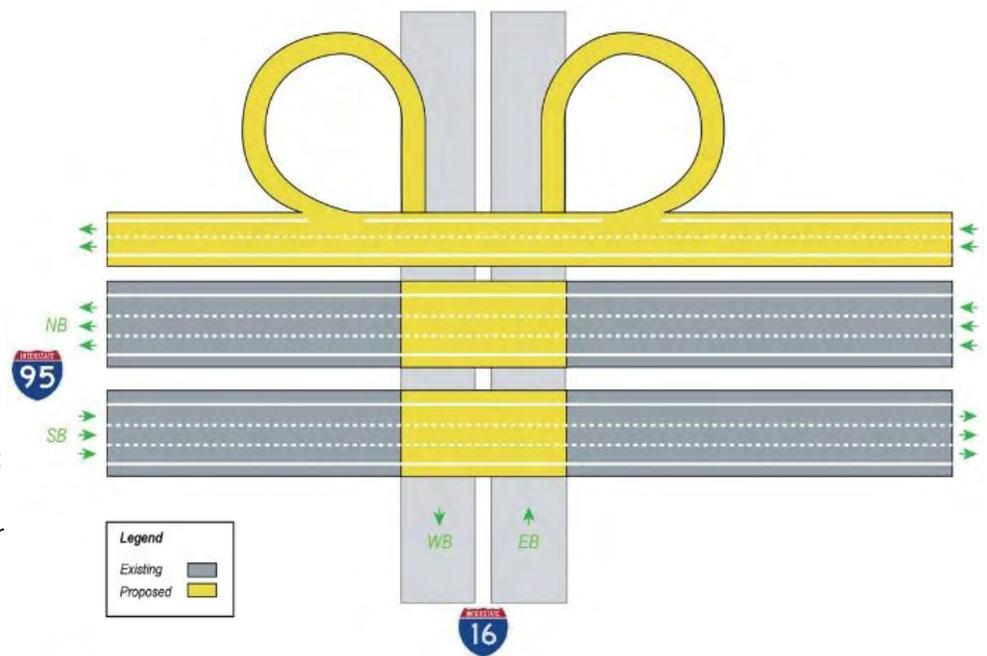
Concrete barriers are in place to facilitate the traffic shift on I-95 prior to demolition of the current I-95 northbound bridge.

The New (and Improved!) I-95 Northbound Bridge

The new I-95 northbound bridge is an important component of the 16@95 Improvement Projects. The new bridge will include collector-distributor (CD) lanes to facilitate safer and more efficient access to I-16. CD lanes run parallel to the main travel lanes of an interstate or highway, connecting them to access roads or entrance ramps to improve traffic flow and safety.

Here are some highlights of the design:

- South of the I-16/I-95 Interchange, the future travel lanes of I-95 will split:
 - » The three mainline lanes to the left will be for through traffic only, i.e., for vehicles continuing north on I-95.
 - » The two CD lanes to the right will provide access to I-16.
- Upon approaching the interchange, the far right lane will be an exit-only lane for the I-16 eastbound ramp.
- The other CD lane will continue northbound, over the new bridge, providing two benefits:
 - » Traffic entering I-95 northbound from I-16 eastbound will access the CD lane upon entering I-95. These vehicles will not merge with the I-95 northbound through traffic until after the interchange.
 - » Vehicles in the CD lane can exit onto the cloverleaf ramp to access I-16 westbound.



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- The CD lane continues north, facilitating vehicles merging from I-16 westbound to I-95 northbound.
- The through lanes and the CD lanes will be separated by a concrete barrier throughout the entire interchange, from the southernmost ramp to I-16 eastbound to the northmost ramp from I-16 eastbound.

In summary, the CD lanes allow the traffic weaving from the ramps to occur away from the faster moving mainline, creating a safer operation.

In Case You Missed It



Last month, the Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) produced a groundbreaking video to celebrate the start of construction for the 16@95 Improvement Projects featuring Commissioner McMurry and State Transportation Board Member Ann R. Purcell.

Watch Our virtual groundbreaking video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG5K7oONfPQ&feature=youtu.be>

Photo of the Month



A bird's eye view of the I-16/I-95 Interchange shows the amount of activity currently underway.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Opportunities

SMC will be hosting online webinars on a regular basis to invite DBE participation on various aspects of the 16@95 Improvement Projects. Each webinar typically consists of a presentation of the project overview, the types of work for which subcontractors are needed, and the planned procurement schedule for the work.

For more information and/or to receive DBE webinar invitations, please contact Romaine Lewis at (912) 662-1245 or via email at rlewis@savannahmobilitycontractors.com.

Community Engagement

In the interest of public safety and health due to COVID-19, virtual presentations are available by the project team in lieu of in-person presentations to stakeholders and the general public. To request a presentation or to learn more about the project, please visit <https://majormobilityga.com/projects/i1695improvements/>. Thank You!



Environmental Process
2016-2018



Public Comment
2016



Developer Selected
2018



Construction Began
Q1 2020



Open to Traffic
2022

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