

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Impacts to Parking

During about 16 months of construction, the County right-of-way in front of the Bridgewater Inn will be closed to parking so that equipment can access the area and perform construction activities. Other areas of County right-of-way along Pine Island Road currently used for parking may be unavailable for short periods. Every effort will be made to minimize these impacts. Access to businesses and residents will be maintained. Graphics illustrating how traffic will be maintained and possible impacts to parking areas are on display.

Impacts to Navigation

The navigation channel will be open to vessels and the bridge will operate on its normal schedule during construction. Barges working in the water may partially block the channel for short times during construction of the movable portion of the new bridge.

The contractor will inform the U.S. Coast Guard in advance of any activities that affect navigation through the channel. The U.S. Coast Guard will post this information in the Notice to Mariners. In addition, you can visit our website at



www.matlachabridge.info for important commuter and mariner information including possible work in the channel, lane closures, construction progress, and other project information.

MEET WITH THE PROJECT ENGINEERS

If you are concerned about possible impacts to parking or access to your business or residence, you can request a one-on-one meeting with the project engineers. Fill out the form provided at this meeting tonight, contact us via the project website or call the construction office.

ABOUT THE NEW BRIDGE

An alignment study was conducted by the County in 2006-2007 to evaluate alternative concepts for a replacement bridge. Public meetings were held to obtain input from the community. The study concluded that a proposed bridge on an alignment just south of the existing bridge was the best option.

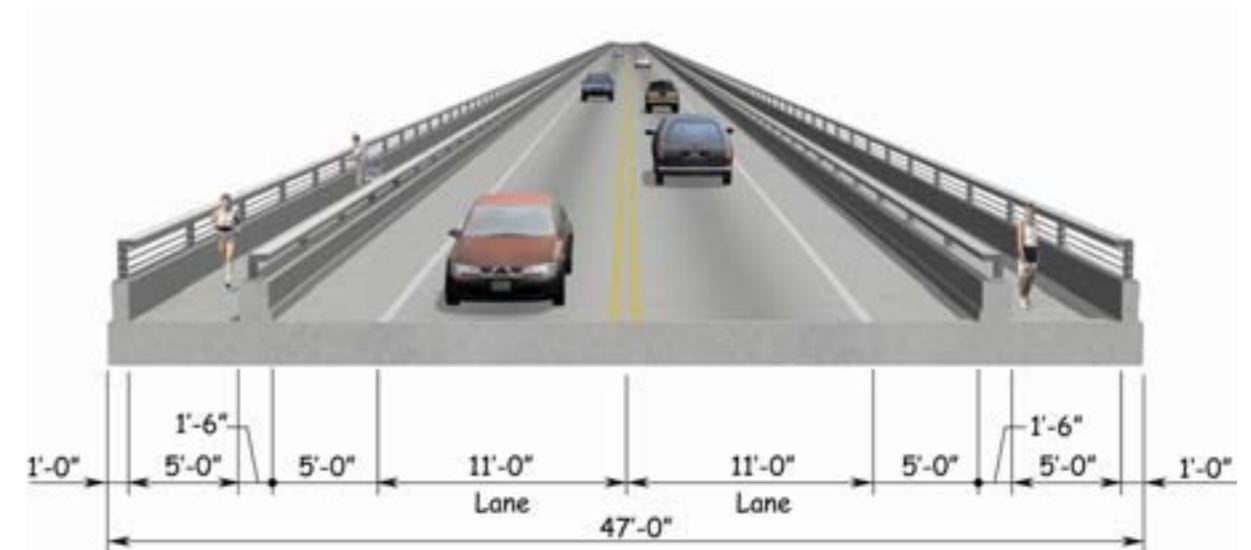
The replacement bridge will be a movable bridge about the same height as the existing bridge. The navigational clearances are described below:

- Vertical clearance at the fenders in the closed position 9 feet
- Horizontal clearance between fenders 50 feet

The typical section on the new bridge will provide the following:

- 11-foot wide travel lanes, one in each direction
- 5-foot wide shoulders on both sides of the bridge
- 5-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the bridge separated from the shoulder by a barrier

TYPICAL SECTION



The wider bridge will allow passage of two lanes of traffic in the event of a vehicular accident or breakdown on the bridge. Emergency vehicles will be able to cross the bridge more quickly since vehicles in travel lanes will be able to pull over onto the shoulders.

An auxiliary lane is proposed at each end of the bridge on the south side to provide a space for vehicles to slow down or stop while negotiating parking without disrupting traffic in the through lane. Similarly, these auxiliary lanes provide a space for vehicles to back out of parking spaces and hold while negotiating pulling out into through lanes.

