



Island Street Bridge Work - Traffic Impacts

Thursday, December 14, 2023

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, significant traffic delays are expected on **Winchester Street**, between Main Street and NH Route 101. On Thursday, the six steel beams that support the reconstructed Island Street bridge will be delivered and set in place. To move the 145-foot-long trucks to the bridge site, the City's contractor, BUR Construction, will set up detours and temporarily hold all traffic for up to 20 minutes, six times throughout the day. [See this graphic](#) for details.

Key points include:

- Traffic on Winchester Street, between Winchester Court and Main Street will be restricted to eastbound (toward Main St.) only. Westbound traffic will need to use Main St. to Rt. 101 to access the southern end of Winchester St.
- As each of the six beams is moved from their staging area on Rt. 9 to the bridge site, Police vehicles and trucks with amber lights will be used to stop traffic along the route so that the trailer can maneuver safely. As the load approaches and moves through the intersections, traffic may be stopped for periods of up to 20 minutes.
- The trailers will need to back up from Rt. 101 to the bridge site, using the southbound side of Winchester St. We expect this maneuver will take 15-20 minutes for each beam. During this time, all traffic at Key Road, Island Street, and Pearl Street will be held. Riverside Plaza traffic will be allowed to turn right out (toward Main Street) only.

Due to the wide scope of the traffic restrictions, delays are expected in many areas. Please drive slowly, pay attention, and follow the directions of all Police and flagger personnel. As always, please check out the project website or the [Keene Public Works Facebook page](#) for updates. Thank you in advance for your patience.

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