

In January 2023, the New York State Thruway Authority began a project to replace the North Avenue bridge in New Rochelle. The bridge is located above a section of the New England Thruway (I-95). Working closely with city officials, Thruway Authority engineers determined the project should be completed in three stages over three years to maintain access to the heart of the city. **Throughout construction, the bridge will remain open to most vehicles (reduced to one lane in each direction) and limited detours will be in place.** Major improvements include:

- Building a wider structure with new sidewalks ■ Raising the bridge’s vertical clearance over I-95 to 16’ 6’ ■
- Adding a dedicated left turn lane on North Avenue onto Garden Street ■ Converting Burling Lane to one-way from North Avenue to Memorial Highway ■ Improving traffic flow on Garden Street



**Stages of Construction**

**Stage 1** will consist of moving vehicles to two lanes in the center of the existing bridge so its outermost components can be removed. It will also include the construction of new substructure erection of steel and placement of concrete decks.

**Stage 2** will move vehicles to two lanes on the new outer bridge sections so the remainder of the old bridge can be removed and rebuilt.

**Stage 3** will move vehicles to the center of the new five-lane bridge so sidewalks, paving, decorative lighting and other work can be completed. Burling Lane will be converted to a one-way road for westbound traffic during this stage.

**During construction, motorists and residents should expect the following:**

- First responders, cars, buses and trucks with three axles or less will continue to have access to the bridge at all times.
- Trucks with four or more axles will not be allowed through the construction zone; a truck detour is provided.
- Left turns from North Avenue to Garden Street will be prohibited; a detour will be provided utilizing Lockwood Avenue to Memorial Highway.
- Left turns from Garden Street to North Avenue will be prohibited; a detour will be provided utilizing Cedar Street to Huguenot Street.
- Burling Lane between North Avenue and May Street will be closed for the duration of the project.
- Pedestrian traffic will be maintained throughout the project via the walkway over I-95 connecting at Burling Lane and the train station.
- The majority of construction will take place during the day; overhead work such as bridge deck and steel removal that requires highway lane closures will occur at night for the safety of workers and to limit impacts to traffic.