

FULL REPLACEMENT OF THE I-195 WASHINGTON BRIDGE



Grant Ask:	\$220,980,000 (60% of Total Project Cost)
Total Project Cost:	\$368,300,000 (100%)
Location:	Providence, RI



What You Need to Know: The project proposed in the grant will bring the Washington Bridge into a state of good repair, ensuring the safe, efficient, and reliable movement of people and goods through the state.

Overview: The Westbound span of the Washington Bridge, a critical piece of highway infrastructure in Rhode Island, is closed and no longer serviceable due to safety concerns. Because this vital commuter and freight connector linking the City of Providence to Southern New England has not been open since Dec. 11, 2023, traffic delays have compounded every aspect of travel in this part of the state and greatly impacted others. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) requests \$220,980,000 in Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant support for the \$368,300,000 Million total project cost for *the Full Replacement of the I-195 Washington Bridge* project.

The Washington Bridge (Bridge No.700) spans the Seekonk River to allow travel between the Providence Metropolitan area and all points East into Massachusetts. The original bridge was altered in 1968, replaced by the twin-spanned bridge that is currently closed on the westbound side. In its modern form, the bridge carries roughly 90,000 vehicles daily, providing a critical link to the western limit of I-195, which connects to several major highways nearby including I-95, I-295, US-6, RI-10, and RI-146.

A crucial segment of the interstate system, the Washington Bridge has been forced to operate well beyond the bounds of its anticipated capacity for decades.