

## I-95/BSR FACT SHEET

# **Interstate 95 Section BSR - Levick Street to Bridge Street Improvement Project** *City of Philadelphia*

This project will rebuild and improve 1.3 miles of I-95 from the bridge over Margaret Street to the bridge over Levick Street, including the Bridge Street Interchange.

I-95/BSR will completely reconstruct I-95 and its bridges and widen the interstate to four lanes in each direction from Margaret Street to Levick Street, a 1.3 mile section of I-95 that runs from just south of the Cottman Avenue through the Bridge Street interchanges.

I-95/BSR project is being developed as three separate phases, or Sections: BS1, BS2 and BS3.

### I-95 Section BS1

Stage one (Section BS1) of the rebuilding of I-95 at the Bridge Street Interchange will reconstruct the northbound and southbound lanes of I-95 from Kennedy Street to Levick Street. This section includes removal of the southbound Bridge Street off-ramp at James Street. A new southbound off-ramp will connect directly to Tacony Street at the Carver Street underpass. Preliminary Engineering for this section finished in November 2011 and Final Design began in fall 2013, with construction anticipated to start in 2017.

#### **BS1** Details

This phase covers the I-95 reconstruction from Kennedy Street to Levick Street, and replacement of the southbound I-95 off-ramp at the Bridge Street interchange, including work to:

- Reconstruct northbound and southbound I-95 (four lanes in each direction) from Kennedy to Levick streets;
- Relocate the James Street off-ramp further north, connecting it to Tacony Street via a new Carver Street underpass;
- Replace the bridges that carry I-95 over Fraley, Carver, Comly and Van Kirk streets;
- Reconstruct Tacony Street from Kennedy Street to north of Carver Street; and
- Install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Tacony and Carver streets.



## I-95 Section BS2

Section BS2 will rebuild I-95 northbound and southbound from just north of Margaret Street to Kennedy Street. A significant aspect of this project is the replacement of the viaduct that carries I-95 over Tacony Street and Bridge Street. Preliminary Engineering for this section finished in November 2011 and Final Design began in fall 2013, with construction anticipated to start in 2018.

#### **BS2 Details**

This phase covers I-95 reconstruction from just north of Margaret Street to Kennedy Street, and reconstruction of the northbound I-95 on-ramp at the Bridge Street interchange, including work to:

- Reconstruct northbound and southbound I-95 (four lanes in each direction) from just north of Margaret Street to Kennedy Street. This includes the replacement of the viaduct that carries I-95 over Tacony and Bridge streets;
- Reconstruct the Bridge Street northbound on-ramp and replace the ramp bridge over Tacony and Bridge streets;
- Reconstruct Tacony Street from Buckius to Kennedy streets; and
- Modify the traffic signals at Bridge and Tacony streets, and at Bridge and James streets.

## **I-95 Section BS3**

Section BS3 includes reconstruction of Aramingo Avenue from Church Street to Tacony Street, and then continuing north on Harbison Avenue up to the Amtrak overpass. Preliminary Engineering for this section finished in November 2011 and Final Design will begin in 2016, with construction anticipated to start in 2020.

#### **BS3 Details**

This phase includes reconstruction of Aramingo Avenue from Duncan to Tacony streets, including a multi-use side path from Duncan to Margaret streets, and reconstruction of Harbison Avenue from Tacony Street to the Amtrak overpass, including traffic signal modifications at

- Aramingo Avenue at Orthodox Street;
- Aramingo Avenue at Margaret Street;
- Aramingo/Harbison Avenues at Tacony Street; and
- Harbison Avenue at Tacony Street/Wakeling Street.

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