# WALK Bridge and East Norwalk Projects

East Norwalk Neighborhood Association Update Meeting

February 26, 2024



# Meet Your Speakers



- Gus Melo, P.E., Project Manager, CTDOT District 5
- Richard J. Leso, Project Engineer, CTDOT District 5
- Vanessa Valadares, P.E., Chief of Operations and Public Works, City of Norwalk
- Jeff Bird, P.E., Project Manager, WSP USA
- Stephanie Pelletier, Public Information Coordinator, WSP USA



# WALK Bridge and associated projects in East Norwalk

Gus Melo, PE., Project Manager, CTDOT District 5





- WALK Bridge Replacement Project Update
- East Norwalk Improvement Projects
  - Advanced Utility Project, East Avenue Roadway and Gregory Boulevard
  - Local Railroad Bridge Improvements (TIME-2)
  - Upcoming Travel Safety and Road Closures
  - Public Outreach
- Questions

# WALK BRIDGE

TIME-2
AND RELATED PROJECTS





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# WALK Bridge Replacement Project

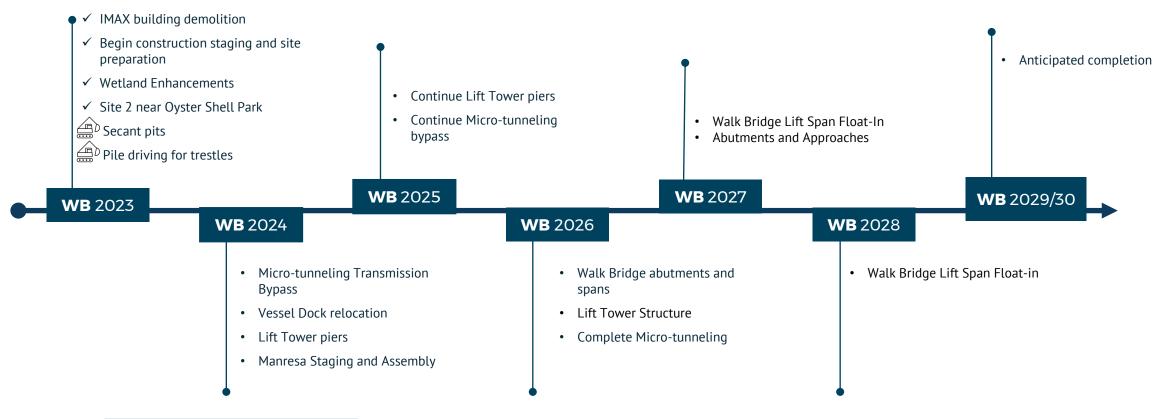
## WALK Bridge Project Footprint

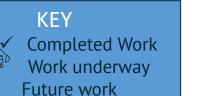




# WALK Bridge: Construction Timeline 2023-2030





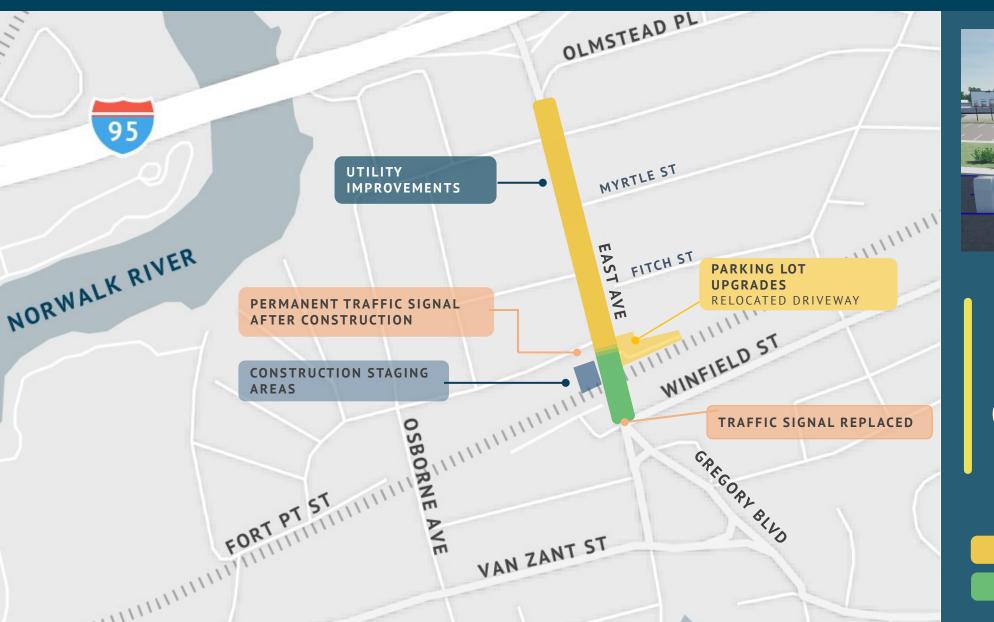


# East Avenue Utilities and Roadway Upgrades and East Norwalk Connectivity Enhancements

Vanessa Valadares, PE., Chief of Operations and Public Works, City of Norwalk.

# East Avenue Advanced Utility Project Status







#### **2021-2025** Construction Duration

**CTDOT** 

**City of Norwalk** 

# East Norwalk Connectivity Enhancements

**Roadway Improvements South of Winfield Street - Gregory Boulevard and Cemetery Road** 





**Construction schedule is subject to change** 

### **FALL 2024** Construction Start

- Roadway Upgrades
- Improved drainage
- New Streetscape
- Pedestrian Mobility
   Improvements

#### **East Avenue** Roadway Improvements





#### Construction schedule is subject to change

#### **2026** Construction Start

- Wider Roadway
- New Paver Crosswalks and Sidewalks
- Improved Drainage
- New Traffic Signals

# East Norwalk Local Railroad Road Bridges (TIME-2)

Richard J. Leso, Project Engineer, CTDOT District 5

## East Norwalk Projects (TIME-2) Overview





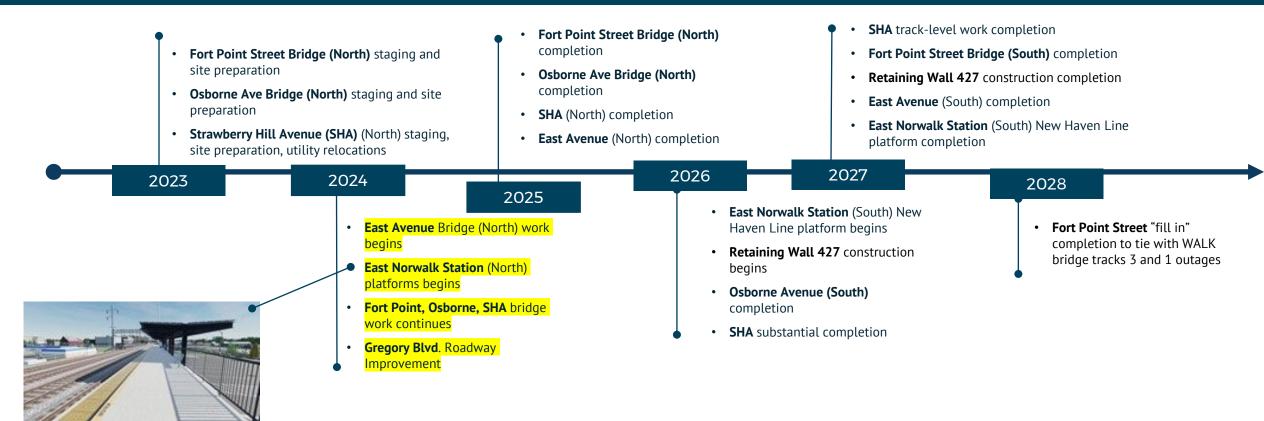
Track Improvement Mobility Enhancement

**4-5**<sub>YEARS</sub> Construction Duration

#### LATE 2023 Construction Start

# East Norwalk Projects: Schedule





# Fort Point Street Bridge Replacement and Roadway Realignment

#### Fort Point Street Bridge Replacement and Roadway Realignment





New Bridge New Roadway and Utilities

# Fort Point Street Bridge Replacement and Roadway Realignment





**Existing Roadway Alignment** 

**New Roadway** 

Osborne Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation

# **Osborne Avenue** Railroad Bridge Replacement





- Superstructure Replacement
- **New Roadway and** Sidewalk

#### **East Avenue** Bridge Replacement and East Norwalk Station Project

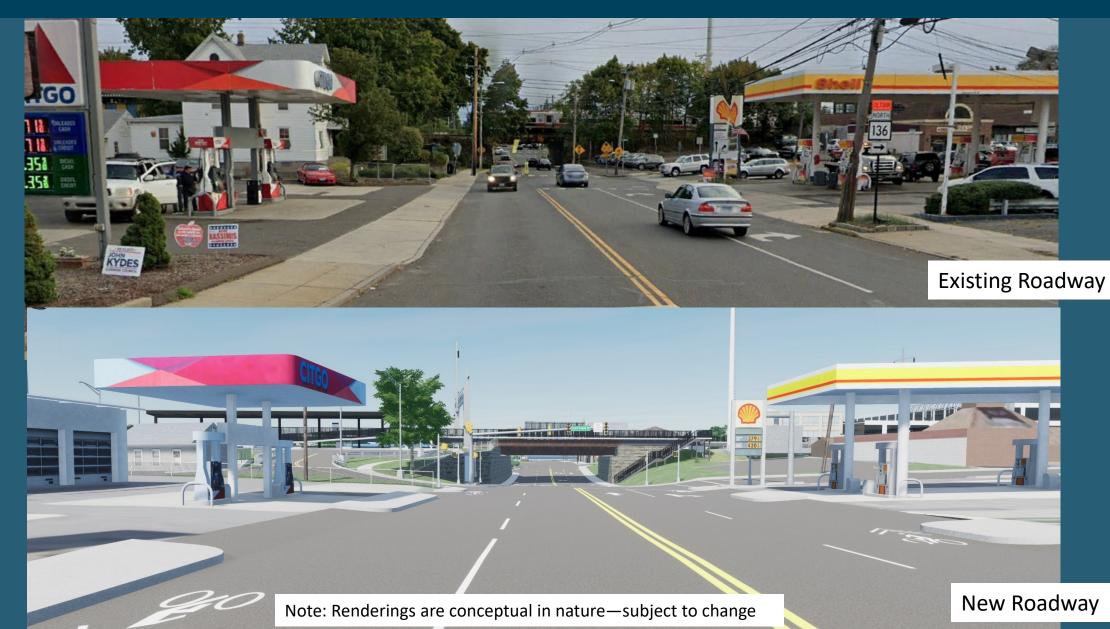




New Bridge New Station Platforms Upgraded Parking Lot

# **East Avenue Roadway Improvements**





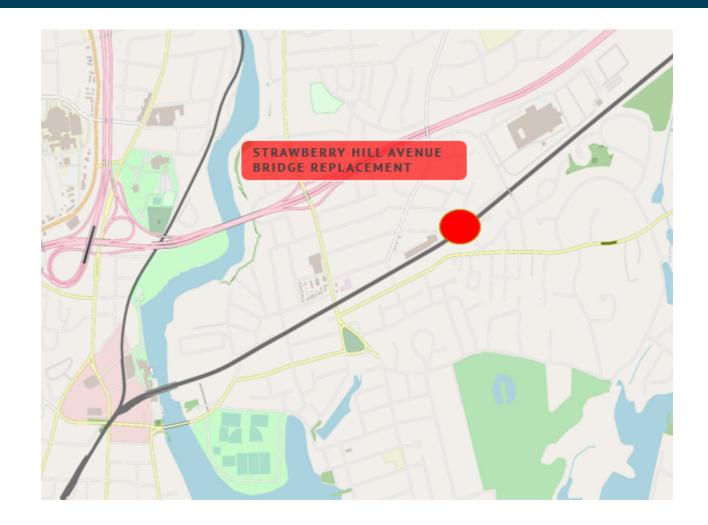
#### New East Avenue Bridge and East Norwalk Station





# Strawberry Hill Avenue Bridge Improvements







- Replacement of the superstructure (the upper portion of the bridge)
- Updates the substructure (the underside of the bridge)
- Maintains existing vertical clearance (9 feet 10 inches)
- 3 updated vertical clearance signs at each approach
- Maintains existing under bridge lighting for safety

Upcoming Traffic Safety and Road Closures

> Jeff Bird, PE, Project Manager, WSP USA

## East Norwalk Train Station (Temporary Closure) March 11 – March 31



- Shuttle Bus Service (Monday Friday) from East Norwalk Station to SoNo Station during peak travel times
- Pick-up location is Roger Square Park, Norwalk Transit bus shelter across from Cemetery Street and Gregory Boulevard.
- **Parking** East Norwalk station parking permit holders can access the South Norwalk Train Station Garage at no additional cost during the three-week closure.



#### Why close the Station?

- Install a new underdrain system under the existing East Norwalk station northern parking lot ahead of future upgrades at the station.
- The train station and parking lot must be closed to accommodate construction to ensure the safety of workers and traveling public.

## East Norwalk Train Station (Temporary 3-week Closure) Summer 2024



- Shuttle Bus Service (Monday Friday) from East Norwalk Station to SoNo Station during peak travel times
- Pick-up location is Roger Square Park, Norwalk Transit bus shelter across from Cemetery Street and Gregory Boulevard.
- **Parking** East Norwalk station parking permit holders can access the South Norwalk Train Station Garage at no additional cost during the threeweek closure.

#### Schedule is subject to change



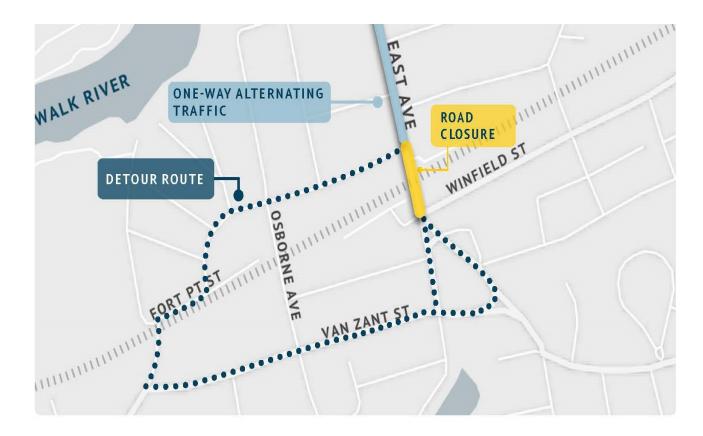
#### Why close the Station?

- Partial demolition of existing Northern station platform and construction of new temporary platform.
- The train station and parking lot must be closed to accommodate construction to ensure the safety of workers and traveling public.

#### East Avenue Road Closure – March 11 – March 31

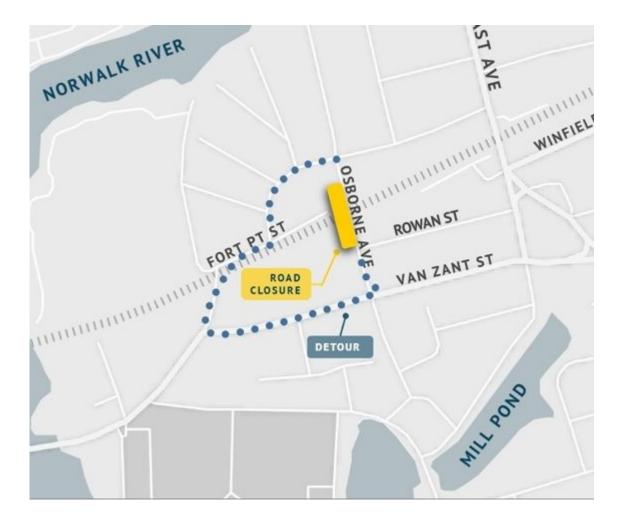


- Frontier Fiber Lines
- March closure will reduce summer-time traffic impacts
- East Avenue closed between Ft. Point Street and Winfield Street
- Traffic detoured to Fort Point Street and Van Zant Street
- Local business and resident access and pedestrian access maintained; VMS Signage



# **Osborne Avenue: June - October 2024**

- Detour coordinated when concurrent operations are underway
- VMS and outreach in advance of detours
- Traffic detoured to Ft. Point Street to Van Zant Street
- Local business and resident access maintained





# **Strawberry Hill Avenue**





- Nighttime Lane Closures as needed on Strawberry Hill Avenue – late spring-fall
   2024 to coincide with work on the North
- 8:00 PM 6:00 AM.
- Road closures will be coordinated when concurrent operations are underway

# Fort Point Street and South Smith Street (September – December 2024)



- Fort Point Street (Nighttime closure) 8:00 PM – 6:00 AM
- South Smith Street (Daytime) 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
  - Between Fort Point Street and Reynolds Street
- Off-peak travel season
- Road closures coordinated when concurrent operations are underway



# **Public Outreach**

#### Stephanie Pelletier Public Information Coordinator, WSP USA

# **Public Outreach**







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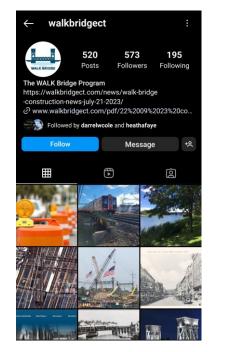






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