There are many ways you can help reduce congestion during construction.

Schedule Travel & Shipments at Off-Peak Times
Avoid traveling during traditionally busy times, including morning and evening rush hours (typically 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and holiday or busy summer weekends. The busiest weekend times are Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Carpooling can be as easy as working something out with a neighbor or co-worker, or calling RideShare Delaware. This free service matches individuals interested in starting or joining existing carpools or vanpools. You do not need to be a Delaware resident to use this service, but you must work in Delaware. Call RideShare Delaware toll-free at 1-888-RIDEMATCH (743-3628) or register online at www.ridesharedelaware.org. Ask about their Home Free Guarantee.

Explore Flex-Time Possibilities
Want to avoid being on the bridge during rush hours or when lanes are scheduled to be closed? Some companies offer flexible work hours or occasional work-at-home arrangements. You might want to check with your benefits administrator or employer.

Obey Posted Speeds and Leave Extra Time
Your safety and the safety of our workers is our highest priority. Please obey construction zone speed limits, plan for your commute to take a little longer, and allow extra time.

If you have questions, or would like more information, contact:

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The contractor may be able to accelerate the schedule.

Residents, commuters and commercial operators:

Roadway improvements will improve safety and traffic flow on bridge approaches to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Major improvements to the Delaware Memorial Bridge are designed to improve roadway safety while rehabilitating aging roadways, ramps and bridges. New traffic patterns are being created and bridges over abandoned railroad lines are being removed.

An important element of the construction is the elimination of traffic weaving, a big safety concern, across I-295 south between the I-95/I-495 and US 13 interchanges. Additional elements include:
• Adding a third lane through the US 13 interchange to provide additional capacity and lane continuity
• Reconstructing and upgrading pavement
• Removing the left-hand merge ramp at the US 13 interchange and constructing a new ramp that merges on the right
• Complete superstructure replacement and substructure repairs and widening on the I-295 south bridge over US 13
• Removal of low clearance ramp bridge over I-295 north

The Delaware River and Bay Authority is responsible for all ramps and approaches on the Delaware side of the twin spans and is working with the Delaware Department of Transportation to make these improvements.

AS FEW DELAYS AS POSSIBLE...

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I-295 Southbound Reconstruction from Landers Lane to I-95/I-495

STAGE 1 CONSTRUCTION
I-295 South (traffic shifts to right lanes)

Winter 2015 to Fall 2016
Traffic on I-295 south will be shifted to the right to allow for reconstruction and paving of the left lanes. At least two travel lanes will be open at all times.
Traffic on I-295 south to the I-95 north ramp will be shifted to the left to allow for reconstruction and paving of the right side of the ramp. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times on the ramp.
Traffic on the ramp from I-295 south to US 13 will be closed. Follow the detour: Take US 13 north to I-295 north ramp, I-295 north to Route 9 north ramp, Route 9 north to I-295 SB ramp, I-295 south (see inset below). A new ramp will be opened in Fall 2016.

STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION
I-295 South (traffic shifts to left lanes)

2016 to 2017
Traffic on I-295 south will be shifted to the left to allow for reconstruction and paving of the right lanes. At least two travel lanes will be open at all times.
All I-295 south ramps will remain open, including the new ramp from US 13 north to I-295 south. Ramp traffic will shift at various times in order to complete construction.
Complete bikepath tunnel beneath I-295 and trail connecting to existing bikepaths.

STAGE 3 CONSTRUCTION

2017 to 2018
The US 13 south to I-295 south ramp will be closed for 2-3 weeks to allow for reconstruction. Follow the detour: Take US 13 south to U-turn at I-295 north, US 13 north to I-295 south ramp. U-turn pavement will be added at the left turn along with a temporary traffic light.
I-295 north at the permanently closed ramp from US 13 north to I-295 south, there will be night time lane closures and occasional rolling road blocks for bridge removal. In addition, there will be night time paving on I-295 north to reduce the vertical curve (dip) at the removed ramp bridge.
Traffic on I-295 north, between I-95 north ramp and I-96 south, will be shifted to the right to allow for reconstruction on the left lane and shoulders.

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3 STAGES FROM WINTER 2015 TO 2018