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Communication with the Engineer-in-Charge

Every NYSDOT construction contract has an engineer assigned as a project's managing engineer and the State's representative. This person is referred to as the Engineer-in-Charge (EIC). The EIC is the central point of contact for all issues on a project and is the primary person who communicates to the contractor as well as the public. Contractors decide the various means of accomplishing the actual construction work on a project, while the EIC and their technical staff of inspectors assure that proper quality is obtained and other requirements (permit compliance, coordination of work with other entities, safe operations, etc) are achieved.

Most NYSDOT construction contracts have field offices established nearby, or on the project. The EIC and staff work from these offices, which are open during working hours of the construction contract. NYSDOT makes every effort at the onset of construction to distribute field office information to local officials and emergency service providers, local business groups, etc. If the project is of considerable size, there may be a kick-off meeting with local interested parties to review the anticipated construction schedule and to discuss other pertinent information. Affected individuals along a project are encouraged to contact the EIC with questions and concerns. Contact can be made in person, by phone, or by email.

When contacting the project EIC or field office with concerns about the project, or possibly a hazard that exists, it is helpful to provide identifying information, so that the situation can be addressed promptly. As many of our projects can cover a significant area, features such as the highway name and nearest cross street, a house/building number, or reference markers (the numbers on the nearest small green sign markers on a rural highway, which exist along the road approximately every 500 feet) will allow for your concerns to be more efficiently investigated. Please provide as much clear information as possible.



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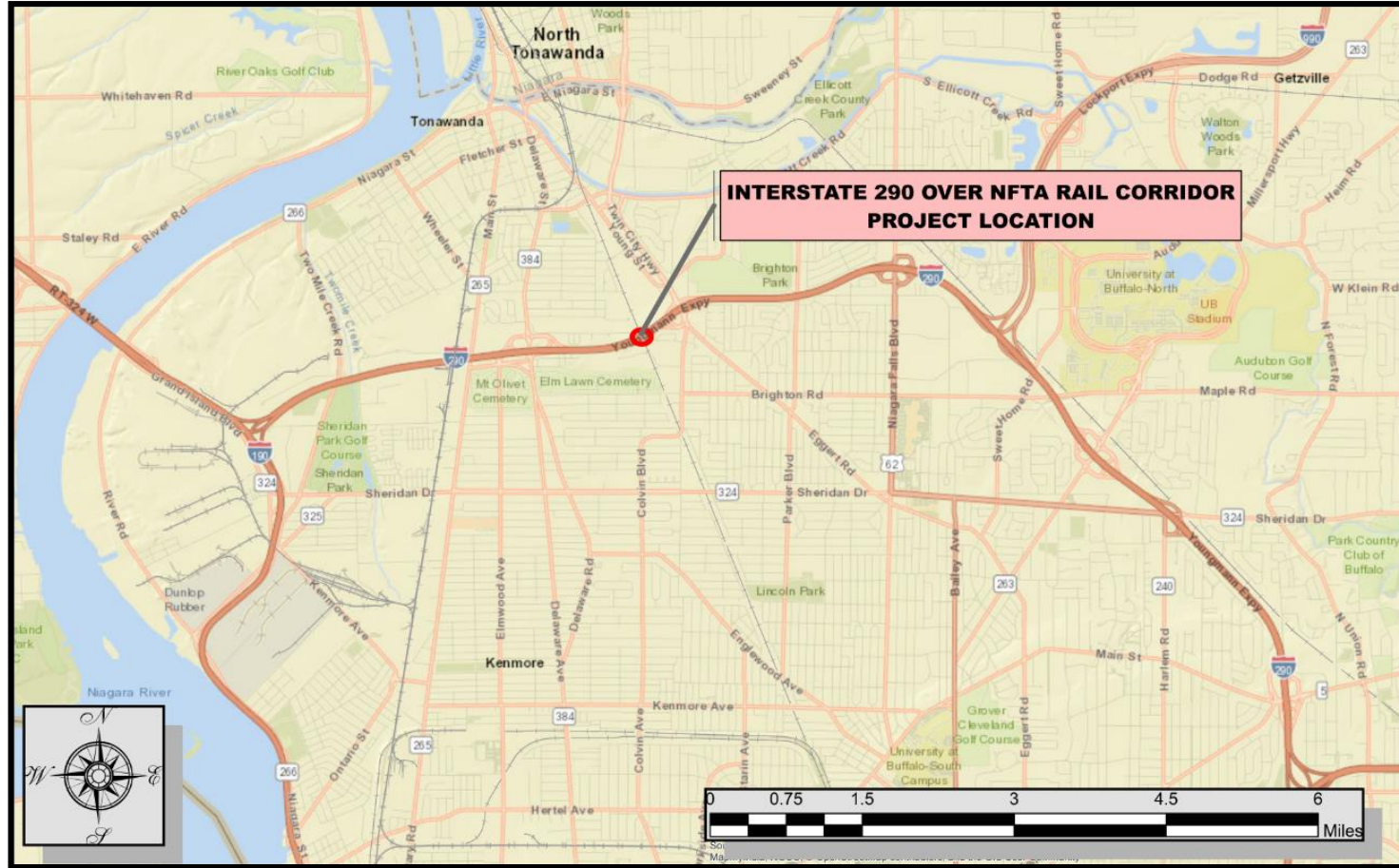
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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON INTERSTATE I-290 OVER THE NFTA CORRIDOR (TONAWANDA RAILS TO TRAILS) IN THE TOWN OF TONAWANDA, ERIE COUNTY

- Contract Number: D263517
- DOT Project Number: 5580.49
- Project Description: This project will replace two Interstate 290 bridges over the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA) corridor in the Town of Tonawanda in Erie County. This area incorporates part of the Tonawanda rails to trails bike path.
- Contractor: Union Concrete Construction, Inc. (UCC)
- Engineer-in-Charge: Kim Silvestro, P.E., NYSDOT, Region 5
- Contact Information: Kim.Silvestro@dot.ny.gov (716) 832-0563 office
- Media Inquiries: Susan Surdej, P.E., Public Information Officer (PIO), NYSDOT, Region 5 (716) 847-3239 office
- Work Details: Two existing, precast concrete bridges will be replaced with new steel bridges. A temporary bridge will be constructed to accommodate traffic during construction. The multi-use path under the bridge will remain in its current location with slight variations to ensure safety.
- Project Schedule: Bridge construction and implementation of temporary traffic controls will begin in April 2018. Construction will continue through 2019.
- Traffic Impact: The project will be constructed in two phases. Each phase will replace a bridge in one direction. One structure will be closed and traffic will be reduced to two lanes in each direction on Interstate 290 for the 2018 and 2019 construction seasons. Additionally, the on-ramp from Colvin Boulevard to Interstate 290 westbound will be closed for the same time periods. A detour will be put in place diverting traffic along Colvin Boulevard to Brighton Road to Delaware Avenue and back onto Interstate 290 westbound via Delaware Avenue on-ramp. (See diagram)
- Public Outreach: The traveling public will be kept informed before the project and throughout construction regarding upcoming lane and ramp closures, and detours with use of:
 - Press Releases
 - Advance-Warning Variable Message Signs
 - Social Media



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Project Location

The project is located between Delaware Ave. (NY Route 384) and Colvin Blvd. (NY Route 425). The bridges will be removed and replaced over two construction seasons.



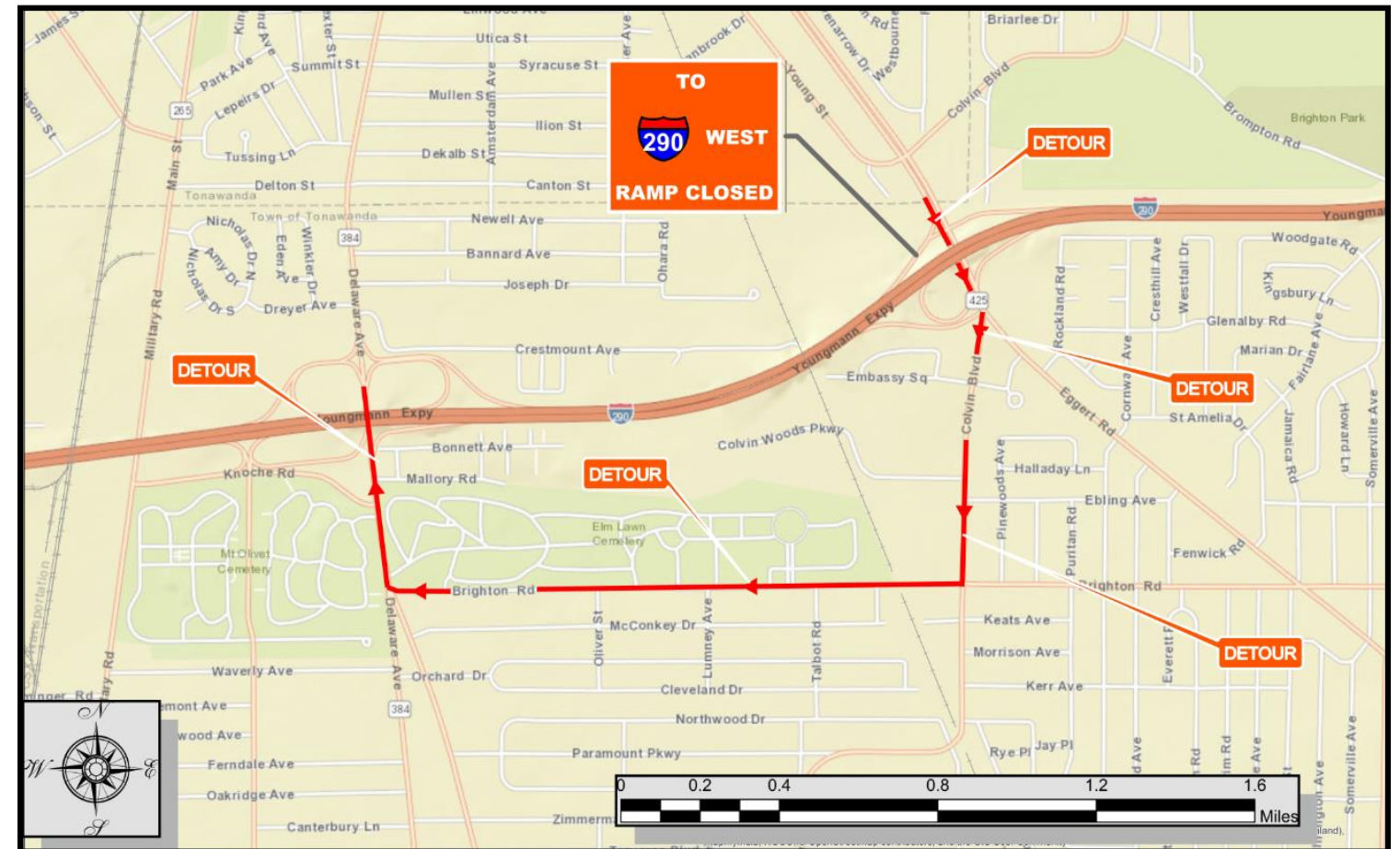
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Traffic Restrictions affecting Interstate 290 and Colvin Boulevard (NY Route 425)

1. Interstate 290, in the vicinity of Colvin Boulevard and Delaware Avenue, will be reduced to two lanes in each direction and posted for 45 MPH.
2. Colvin Boulevard to Interstate 290 Westbound ramp will be closed for the 2018 and 2019 construction seasons. All traffic from Colvin Boulevard will be detoured to the Delaware Avenue on ramp to Interstate 290 westbound.



Detour for ramp from Colvin Blvd. to I-290 Westbound

Travel South on Colvin Boulevard (NY Route 425) to Brighton Road, proceed westbound on Brighton road to Delaware Avenue (NY Route 384). Continue north on Delaware Avenue to the Interstate 290 westbound on-ramp. This detour route is 2.1 miles long.