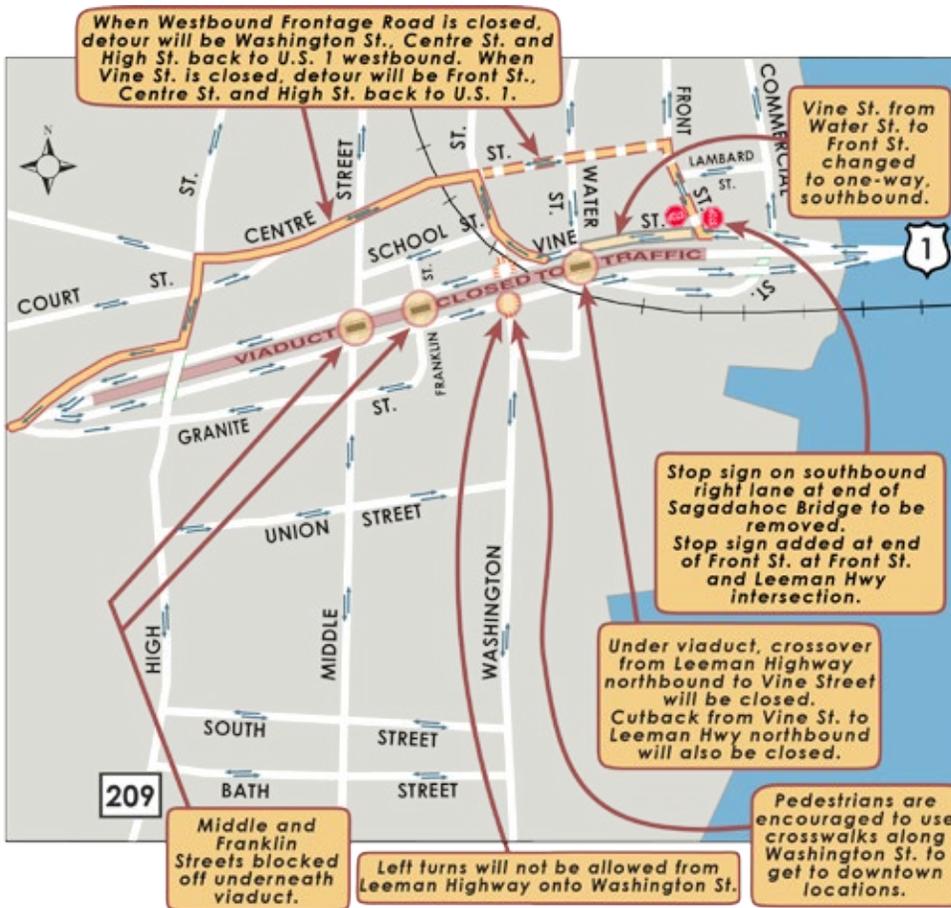


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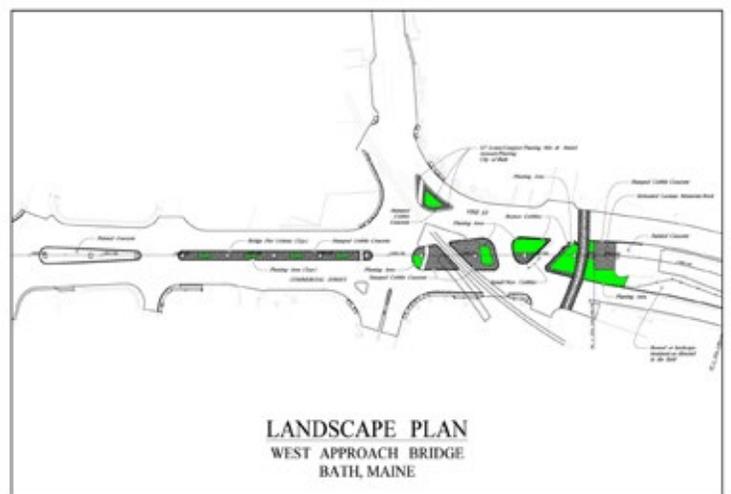
**May - October 2016:** Planned intersection improvements will improve safety and enhance pedestrian crossings during and after Viaduct construction.

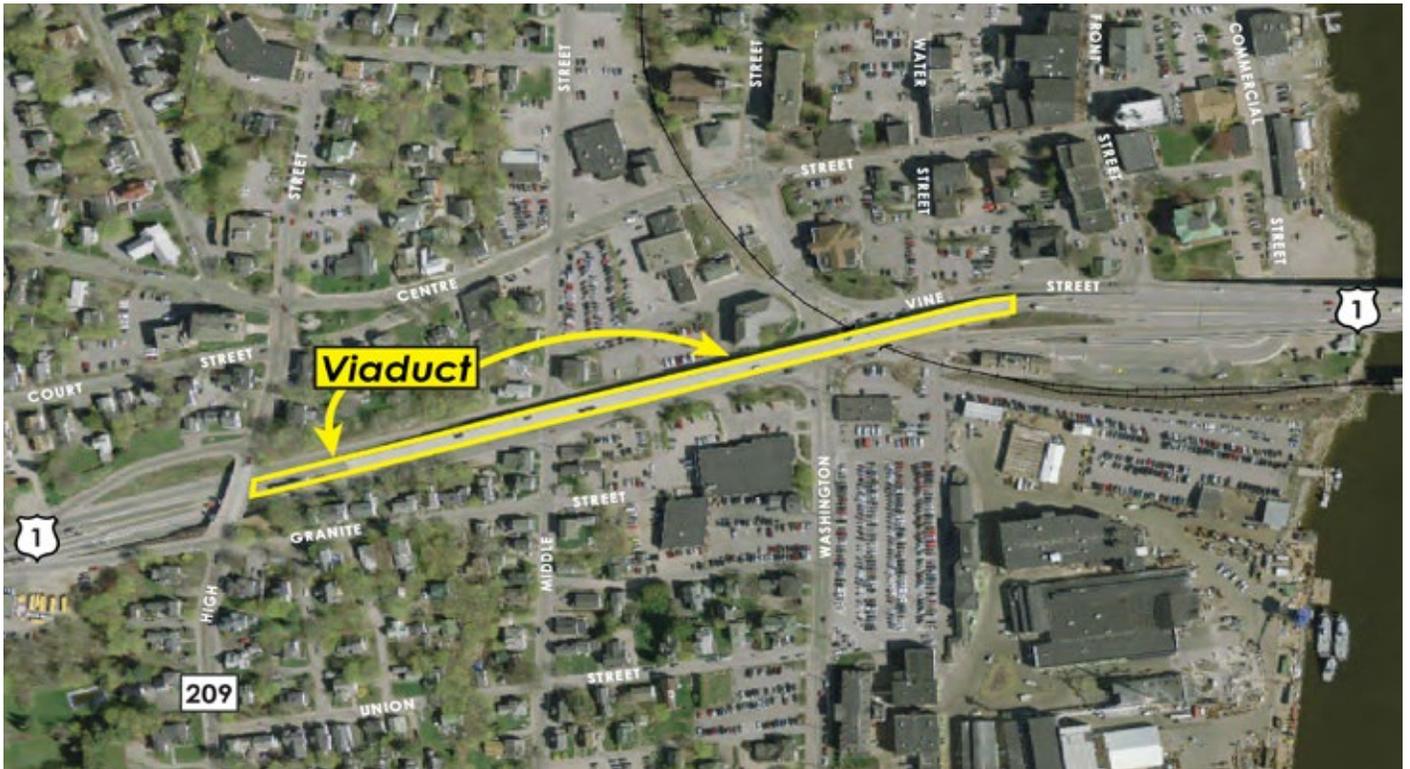
**October 2016 - May 2017:** Current Viaduct closes with traffic being rerouted onto the frontage roads.

**May 2017 - June 2017:** Final paving, striping and traffic signal installation. Final landscaping including an enhanced gateway to Bath.

**By Memorial Day:** New Viaduct Opens

The Bath Viaduct, which carries Route 1 over local streets and the Central Maine & Quebec Railway lines, has served as a vital transportation link since 1958. In 2006, MaineDOT replaced the surface of the Viaduct in hopes of extending the life of the structure for ten years. Ten years later, MaineDOT is about to undertake the \$12 million construction of a new Bath Viaduct that has been designed to last for 100 years. With 18,000 vehicles traveling across the Viaduct daily, minimizing disruption to motorists, businesses and residents is a top priority.





- The contractor has been provided significant incentives and disincentives to stay within the planned schedule. When the Viaduct is closed, the contractor is allowed to work 24/7.
- While work begins in May 2016, traffic impacts won't be significant. However, pedestrian crossings between BIW and the downtown will be restricted to one location to ensure safety.
- The full closure of the Viaduct won't happen until October; after the peak summer and fall tourist seasons.
- During the full closure (October 2016 – May 2017) the schedule has been designed to minimize traffic disruptions in the downtown area during the day with fluctuating traffic routes occurring during the overnight hours. This will reduce impacts for parking and deliveries.
- During the full closure, traffic will primarily be rerouted to the frontage roads.
- Traffic patterns will change frequently during the full closure. MaineDOT will do all we can to keep the public updated on construction activities:
  - Establish a website for the latest information
  - Send out email alerts for those who sign up. This will provide updated information on traffic patterns
  - Other communication as needed including print ads, radio spots, social media.
  - All materials will indicate “Downtown businesses are open and accessible.”

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