

MassDOT Opens the Newly Reconstructed Padanaram Bridge Causeway

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) opened the Padanaram Bridge Causeway in Dartmouth to vehicular traffic on Monday, June 11, 2018.

“The MassDOT Highway Division is pleased to have the newly reconstructed Padanaram Bridge Causeway now open to motorists,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “I would like to thank state and local officials, and members of the public for all of their patience and support during the reconstruction of this scenic area.”

The work on the Padanaram Bridge Causeway Reconstruction Project began in June of 2016 with the bridge being permanently closed in August 2016. The project included roadway, drainage, structural, and lighting improvements along Gulf Road from the eastern edge of Apponagansett Park to the Padanaram Bridge and Smith Neck Road from Gulf Road southerly approximately 400 feet.

“Today’s opening marks the end of this long-anticipated project so that this causeway will remain structurally sound for decades into the future,” said State Senator Mark Montigny. “A direct link through town helps ensure efficient access for first responders and improves the overall ease of transportation and convenience for residents and visitors. It also helps the great local businesses, where I’ve unofficially monitored the project alongside constituents over countless cups of coffee.”

“This was a project that shows that local and state government work well together. This improvement to our Causeway will provide generations to come easy access to our beautiful

village and our beaches. Governor Baker, Secretary Pollack and our town officials deserve all the credit," said State Representative Chris Markey.

The project contractor is John Rocchio Corporation. The cost of the project is \$8.27 million.