

Montgomery – Russell I-90 Bridge Overweight Truck Detour

Updated Weight Restrictions Beginning January 10, 2024

What is happening?

The Montgomery – Russell Bridge along I-90 is currently under construction through 2025. The bridge is located at approximately mile marker 36 and spans US Route 20, CSX Railroad, and the Westfield River.

Due to the necessary repair work, construction staging, construction equipment loads, and travel lane shifts, **it was necessary to limit the loads over the bridge and implement an overweight truck detour that began on Monday, December 4, 2023, and lasting through 2025**.

This weight restriction and detour does not impact private passenger vehicles and most other traffic.

What has changed since December 4, 2023?

Based on feedback and information received from the trucking community and impacts to the communities affected by the detour, MassDOT performed additional analysis to determine if weight restrictions could be modified on the Montgomery-Russell Bridge to allow heavier loads to travel along I-90 and not use the detour.

The analysis concluded that the weight restrictions could be modified to some extent.

The modified weight restrctions are based upon a thorough assessment by the MassDOT Highway Division's Structural Section as well as making changes to the operations, equipment staging, etc. by the contractor.

Please note: If unforeseen issues arise during construction, weight restrictions may change and the bridge posted with new restrictions for safety purposes.



What are the modified weight restrictions?

Loads over the posted limits will still be required to detour off I-90 and onto Routes 10, 202, and 20. The detour will still be in effect for approximately 2 years. Overweight trucks will not be permitted to utilize the detour route during peak hours of 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.

Advance truck detour signs have been posted on I-90 and detour signs have been posted along the detour route.

As of January 10, 2024, trucks with the following maximum weights will be permitted to travel across the bridge:

- 20 Tons (single unit two axle, H20)
- 45 Tons (single unit three+ axles, Type 3)
- 50 Tons (truck trailer combo, Type 3S2)
- 55 Tons* (truck trailer-trailer combo, Type 3-3)

Current Posting	Previous Posting	Truck Type
20 Tons	20 Tons	Single unit two axle
45 Tons	25 Tons	Single unit three+ axle
50 Tons	40 Tons	Truck trailer combo
55 Tons	40 Tons	Truck trailer-trailer combo

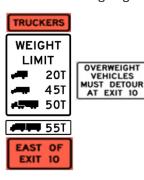
***Reminder**: Tandem trucks over the 55 Ton limit must break down prior to entering Massachusetts (traveling eastbound on I-90) or in Chicopee (traveling westbound on I-90) at Exit 51.



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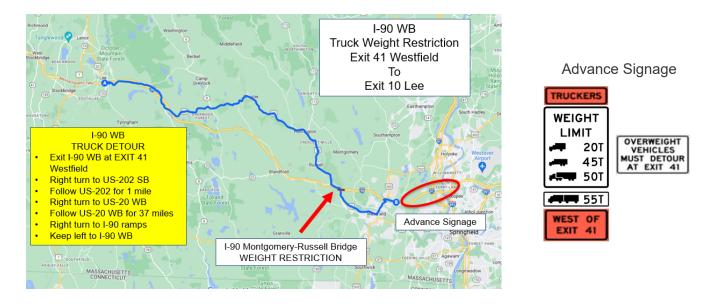
Eastbound Truck Detour Route

Advance Signage





Westbound Truck Detour Route



How can I find out more?

For questions, please contact MassDOT's District 1 office at (857) 368-1000.

For information regarding tandem parking in New York, please visit their website at: https://www.thruway.ny.gov/commercial/lcv/tandemlots.cgi.