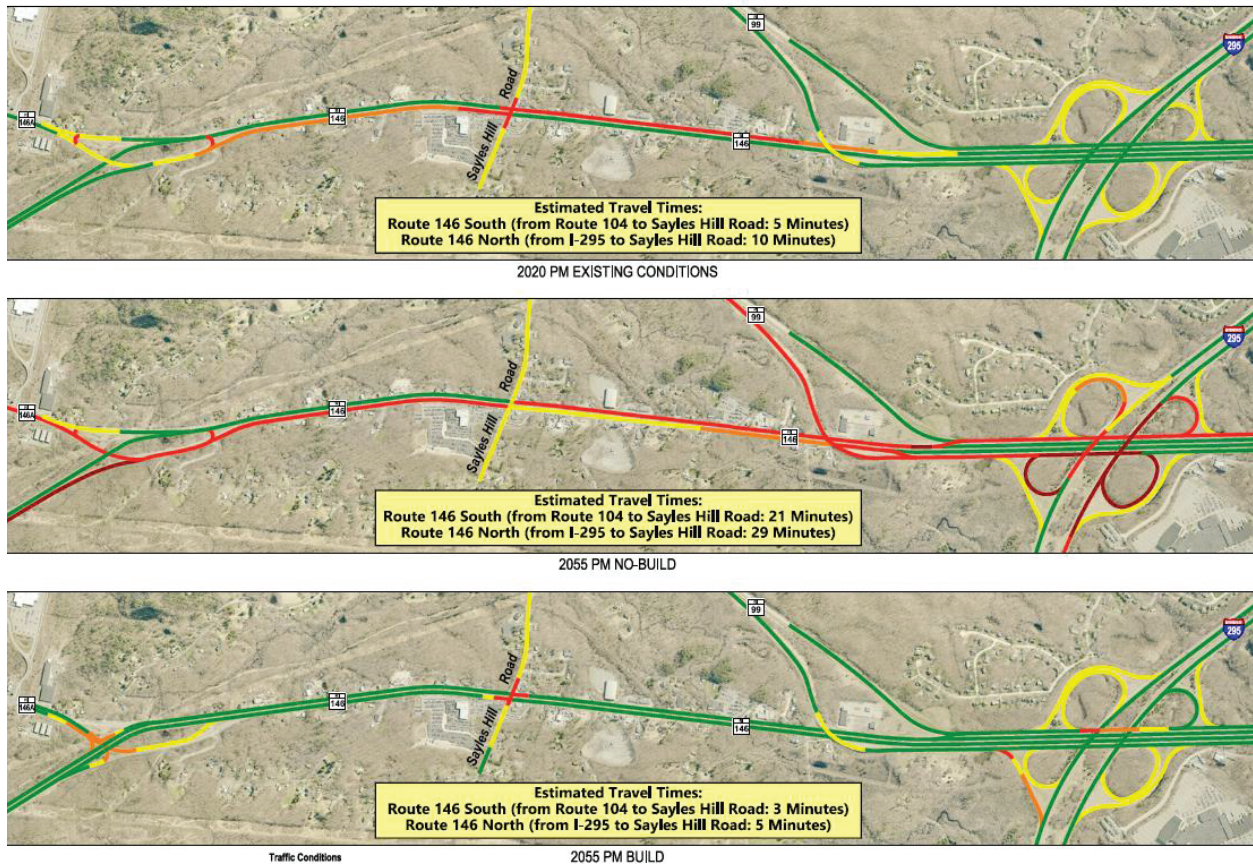


Figure 12 -- Congestion Mitigation and System Reliability Impacts



Restoring a State of Good Repair

This project will restore three critical highway bridges, reconfigure ramps and intersections to improve congestion, and repave 8 miles of pavement in poor condition. The reconstruction of RI-146 will transform the entire corridor, improving rideability, functionality, and reliability.

Advancing Economic Development in Areas of Need

This project reinforces and improves a critical link between Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Connecting various towns, the project will help facilitate freight, commerce, and recreation for a large and diverse region. The project area of RI-146 directly connects the Massachusetts state line and Interstate-295 – both crucial points of interest that facilitate commerce throughout the region.

Outside of the project area, RI-146 continues north to Worcester, Massachusetts. Within Rhode Island, RI-146 helps directly facilitate traffic between the neighboring towns of North Smithfield, Lincoln, and Woonsocket. The congestion reductions and safety improvements in this project will ease the flow of people and goods between these three metropolitan centers and improve access to a myriad of communities in between.