

Charles M. Braga Jr. Memorial Bridge



The **Charles M. Braga Jr. Memorial Bridge**, also known as the **Braga Bridge**, is a through truss bridge that carries [Interstate 195](#) over the [Taunton River](#) between the town of [Somerset](#) and the city of [Fall River](#), near the mouth of the [Quequechan River](#) at the confluence with [Mount Hope Bay](#). At just over a mile long, it is one of the longest bridges in [Massachusetts](#). Opened to traffic in 1966, it provides an important link between [Providence, Rhode Island](#), [New Bedford](#), and [Cape Cod](#).

Official name	Charles M. Braga Jr. Bridge
Carries	 I-195
Crosses	Taunton River
Locale	Somerset and Fall River, Massachusetts
Design	Continuous through truss, single intersection Warren truss with verticals. Approach spans are plate girders. ^[1]
Total length	5,780 feet (1,760 m) ^[1]
Width	101.3 feet (30.9 m) ^[1]
Height	254 feet (77 m) (Height of towers) ^[2]
Longest span	840 ft (256 m) ^[1]
Clearance below	135 feet (41 m) ^[1]
Construction cost	\$22 million ^[2]
Opened	1965, 1989
Daily traffic	80,000 - 100,000 vehicles per day ^[2]
Coordinates	 41°42′23.62″N 71°09′56.51″W﻿ / ﻿41.7065611°N 71.1656972°W﻿ / 41.7065611; -71.1656972