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Workers secure the bike path bridge to a pair of cranes Friday prior to hoisting it over North Street in Northampton.

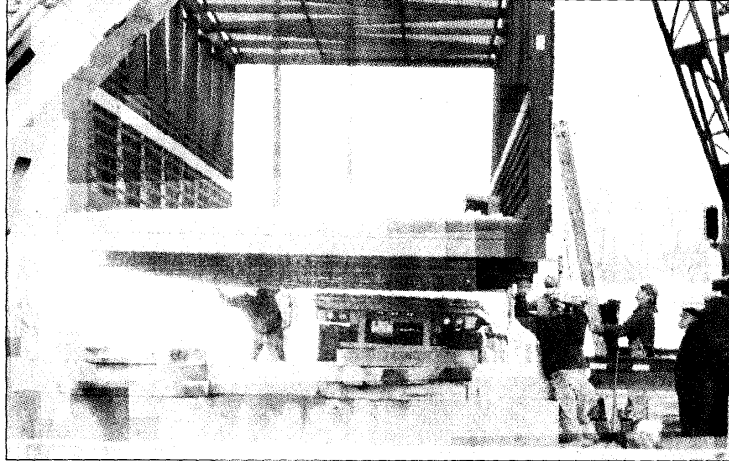


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Workers line up the bridge before nesting it down on four groups of bolts preset in concrete abutments.

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where trail users will be able to hook into the Northampton Bike Path, which presently stretches to Look Park. Plans are under way to extend the trail through Leeds to the Williamsburg town line.

At the other end, the section

will link with another newly-built segment that goes from the Roundhouse lot to Earle Street. Northampton Planning Director Wayne M. Feiden, who was also present at the operation Friday, said design work has already been done for a link between Earle Street and the Manhan Rail Trail in Easthampton. Local officials

are hoping that Gov. Deval L. Patrick will include the \$3.1 million project in a regional stimulus package.

McCullough said that planners envision a network of trails that will stretch uninterrupted from Northampton to New Haven, Conn., paralleling the canal that once ran through that corridor.