



TOWN OF BROOKLINE
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Commissioner

Brookline Precinct 1 Town Meeting Members (TMM)
Residents of Monmouth Ct & Footbridge Neighbors
Via email and hand-distribution

RE: CARLTON STREET FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION
Spring 2021 Construction Update and MBTA Shutdowns

Dear Residents and Precinct 1 TMM:

I'd like to provide the neighborhood adjacent to the Carlton Street Footbridge an update on this Spring's construction schedule for the bridge rehabilitation and associated site work. MassDOT and Aetna Bridge Company now have a viable timeframe for bridge removal – the result of close and continuous coordination with the MBTA:

Carlton Path Closure

Work site fencing has been installed at the northerly side of the MBTA tracks in order to allow for work at the stair structure and new foundations for the accessible ramp, bridge and stairs. Carlton Path will remain closed through bridge restoration anticipated early in 2022, and residents asked to detour to Monmouth St. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience; however, alley access is maintained from Monmouth Ct and a temporary asphalt walkway outside the construction fencing allows for continuous pedestrian movement along the Carlton/Colchester sidewalk.

Weekend Work Sat/Sun, May 15/16

MBTA Shutdown/Bus Diversion

During the upcoming MBTA Greenline D-branch weekend shutdown, Aetna Bridge Co. will be working long days within and immediate to the MBTA ROW and track area in order to complete the following activities:

- Remove MBTA fencing along south side of tracks
- Replace with concrete barrier topped with chain link fence for construction
- Install concrete bases for bracing and shoring around bridge and staircases
- Install timber shielding around signals and catenaries
- Remove screens from bridge structure
- Install conduit across tracks for power to laydown yard

Transportation Board Hearing Mon, May 24

RE: Carlton/Colchester Access/Safety Improvements

While abutters will have been notified, I'd simply like to remind Precinct 1 residents that their voices and input will be welcome this coming Mon, 5/24/2021 when the Transportation Board takes up consideration of the proposed safety improvements at the intersection of Carlton and Colchester Streets for bicycle and pedestrian access to the footbridge. The meeting agenda and most current concept plan reference will be available at the Town's calendar link in the next week: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/calendar.aspx>.

Bridge Removal and Foundations Sat, June 12 – Sun, June 20

MBTA 9-Day 'Surge' Shutdown/Bus Diversion

Aetna Bridge Co. projects 'piggy-backing' on the full length of the scheduled MBTA continuous shutdown working 12-hour days from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. During this time the existing bridge and stair structures will be removed by a crane operating from the Riverway Park side of the MBTA tracks. In addition, shoring protection for track integrity and initial foundation work will be undertaken for the restored bridge and new ramps. DPW will be working closely with the Contractor to secure a waiver of the Town's Noise By-law to allow for early starts through this critical timeframe. Neighbors should anticipate notification of a Select Board Hearing in the next weeks.

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Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to Bill Smith, the project's construction coordinator for Brookline DPW, at wsmith@brooklinema.gov or (617) 264-6480. I want to assure you that we at DPW are well aware of the unavoidable noise and disruptions due to the nearby footbridge construction, yet committed to both keeping you informed and working directly with MassDOT and Aetna Bridge Co. to mitigate these to the extent feasible. Please refer to the project's website for updates and further information: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/1885/Carlton-Street-Footbridge-Rehabilitation>.

Respectfully,



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Commissioner of Public Works

CC: Select Board, Town of Brookline