



TOWN OF BROOKLINE
Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

June 2, 2021

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Commissioner

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

RE: CARLTON STREET FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION
MBTA Weekend Shutdown and Emergency Bridge Removal
Saturday, June 5, 2021, 4:00AM – 8:00PM

Dear Select Board, Precinct 1 TMM's and Footbridge Neighbors:

I want to reach out to the Select Board, and above all the neighbors to the Carlton St Footbridge and Town Meeting Members in Precinct 1, with both urgency and clarity on a significant shift in the construction schedule on the Carlton St Footbridge, driven by a change to MBTA operating and transit access plans for the Greenline, D-branch.

MBTA Schedule Change and Emergency Weekend Shutdown

Brookline DPW and the Carlton St Footbridge construction team has received word from the MBTA that the initially projected 9-day continuous 'surge' shutdown (6/12-6/20), during which the catenary was to be de-energized and the footbridge removal was scheduled, has now been cancelled due to the resumption of full capacity at Fenway Park. In its stead an emergency shutdown is scheduled for this coming weekend Saturday/Sunday (6/5-6/6) on which the footbridge removal is now scheduled on an emergency work basis, and in a compressed timeframe.

Bridge Removal Sat, June 5, 4AM – 8PM

MBTA Weekend Shutdown/Bus Diversion (Kenmore to Riverside)

Aetna Bridge Co., MassDOT's Contractor for the footbridge reconstruction, has been granted permission by the MBTA to 'piggy-backing' on this approaching weekend emergency shutdown, working an extended 16-hour day on Saturday, 6/5, starting at 4:00AM and finishing at 8:00PM. 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. Sunday, 6/6, the final day of the MBTA shutdown, is reserved by Aetna Bridge Co. as a contingency timeframe should the bridge removal work not be completed on Saturday. Anticipated emergency Sunday work hours, should this be required, would be 6AM-6PM.

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 sincerely apologize for the late notice of this significant change to the footbridge construction schedule as a result of the MBTA limited service resumptions for Fenway Park this month, and truly appreciate your understanding of the restricted window we've been given to remove the bridge on an emergency basis. For future updates and further information you may also go to the project's website: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/1885/Carlton-Street-Footbridge-Rehabilitation>.

Respectfully,

Erin Gallentine
Commissioner of Public Works

CC: MassDOT; Aetna Bridge Co.; MBTA