



TOWN OF WESTFORD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: WESTFORD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONTACT: STEPHEN CRONIN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
RE: BEAVER BROOK BRIDGE CLOSURE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) - Highway Division has undertaken the inventory, inspection, and rating of the Beaver Brook Bridge on Beaver Brook Road in Westford and has determined that recent changes in the bridge condition requires that the bridge be **CLOSED** to vehicular traffic as of 6:00 PM on Friday, November 18, 2022. The reason for this closure is due to severe deterioration of the corrugated structural pipes and the loss of fill that the corrugated pipes are intended to support. Town officials are coordinating the closure with public safety, schools, businesses, residents and surrounding communities.

Westford Public Schools and Nashoba Valley Technical High School will contact impacted families directly to coordinate student arrangements. The town is working with MassDOT to accelerate the bridge replacement which was already scheduled for next summer. A detour map and trash and recycling information is available online at

www.westfordma.gov/beaverbrookbridge . Beaver Brook Road will remain closed to through traffic until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience to our residents.

For more information please contact Stephen Cronin, Director of Public Works, by email at scronin@westfordma.gov, or phone at 978-692-5520.