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Dear Resident,

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is writing to inform you of the upcoming schedule and anticipated impacts associated with work for the Andover – North Main Street (Rte. 28) Bridge replacement project.

The Contractor is presently working on micropile installation and excavation work at the south abutment. This work will continue during the day shift and is currently estimated to complete the second week of October.

In addition to the day shift activities there will be two “weekend diversions” when the railroad traffic will be diverted for the strong back installation followed by the demolition of the first phase of the existing bridge. The estimated hours of these weekend operations are as follows:

### **OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND DIVERSION**

#### Working Hours

- Saturday 10/21 – 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Sunday 10/22 – 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

#### Summary of Work

- Selective Demolition of existing concrete deck at both abutments
- Installation of formwork and reinforcing steel for the Strongback temporary support structures;
- Coring operations for through bolts to support existing girders
- Installation of temporary column supports

Following the October Diversion, the contractor will begin preparing for bridge demolition during the November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend Diversion. Day time and night time operations will include the following:

- Place concrete for support structures (roadside) – 10/23
- Erect Strongback Beams (roadside) – 10/27

Night work will be required during this period to avoid disrupting train operations. This work is currently scheduled for the following dates & times: **10/30, 10/31, and 11/1**. Working times would be **9:00 PM to 5:00 AM**.

## **NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND DIVERSION**

### Working Hours

- Friday 11/3 – 10:00 PM through Monday 11/6 – 4:30 AM.

### Summary of Work

- Bridge Demolition
- Clean-up.

We will be implementing a detour during the November weekend diversion overnights from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM. The bridge will be closed and traffic will be rerouted off of North Main Street as follows:

Stevens Street – Shawsheen Road – Essex Street – Pearson Street & returning to North Main Street

Variable Message Signs will be installed in advance of the detour; the detour will be properly signed & police details will be present to assist traffic control during this weekend diversion.

Phase 1 bridge construction will then continue through the fall of 2017 and through the spring of 2018.

The Project Goals are to limit impact to abutters, motorists and pedestrians, complete the work on schedule and on budget. Night and weekend work can be expected through various portions of the demolition and reconstruction in order to coordinate with the Railroad entities while working over the tracks.

If there are any questions, please feel free to **contact the MassDOT Field Office at 978-475-4385**