



TOWN OF BROOKLINE

Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Engineering & Transportation Division

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Brookline Precinct 1 Town Meeting Members (TMM) Residents of Monmouth Ct & Footbridge Neighbors/Abutters

Via email and hand-distribution

**RE: CARLTON STREET FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION
Select Board Hearing for Noise By-Law Waiver Request (9/23-10/2)
HEARING DATE: TUES, SEPT 13 at 7:30PM**

NIGHT WORK: Crane and Set Restored Footbridge Span during MBTA Greenline Shutdown

Dear Precinct 1 TMM's and Footbridge Neighbors:

General Update

Despite the limited activity at the Brookline site this summer, significant progress has been made at off-site locations. In neighboring Rhode Island the historic footbridge structure has undergone steel rehabilitation and finish painting, while in Maine the accessible ramp components have been fabricated and finish coated. In fact, the bridge span is on a planned trajectory for reinstallation this last week of September, 2022, followed by the stair and ramp assemblies.

Noise By-Law Waiver

To that end, Aetna Bridge Company, Inc., the Contractor for the Carlton St Footbridge Rehabilitation Project, and working under the authority of the MassDOT Highway Division, has requested a waiver to the Town's Noise By-Law from 7:00PM on 9/23 through 8:30AM on 10/2 in order to crane, set and secure the rehabilitated footbridge span above the MBTA tracks.

It should be highlighted that this timeframe is the only supported window granted to the project by the MBTA. It coincides with a planned, 9-day 'surge' shutdown of the Greenline (D-branch), for safety improvements. The footbridge project is then able to 'piggy-back' on this MBTA driven shutdown, as well as provide a continuous, uninterrupted 9-day period for work.

To support Aetna's operations and efforts in managing a safe and effective crane operation, the placement and securing of the bridge span will require a continuous window of operation (through the night). Once the span is securely set, the plan is for the Aetna team to work on the footbridge during day-light hours, and no longer through the night or outside of the timeframe restrictions in the noise by-law.

This 9-day request further allows a margin of safety for the work plan should foul weather or equipment failure delay or interrupt the operations.

Select Board Hearing

Please note that abutting neighbors' and TMMs' voices are welcome at the upcoming Select Board Hearing specific to the Noise By-Law Waiver scheduled for **7:30pm, Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**