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DCR PLANS TO REPAIR AND PAINT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES OVER STORROW DRIVE

Public meeting scheduled to discuss bridge closures and lane restrictions during the work

BOSTON - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 19, to discuss upcoming repairs and improvements to two pedestrian bridges and one railroad bridge that cross Storrow Drive. During the work, pedestrians will be detoured to other bridges, and traffic lanes along Storrow Drive will be restricted as needed.

Work is expected to begin August 20 and be completed by the end of November on the Fairfield Street and Silber Way pedestrian bridges and on the railroad bridge that crosses Storrow Drive under the BU Bridge. The work, to be done by Prime Coatings Inc. of Salisbury, will be mostly at night, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. However, any jackhammering noise will end by 11 p.m. every night.

“These pedestrian bridges are popular access points to and from the Charles River Esplanade, and they need to be in good, safe condition,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “Repairing and painting these bridges will ensure public safety and enhance the visual appeal of the bridges and the entire Esplanade.”

The public meeting will be Thursday, August 19, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at Community Boating, 21 David Mugar Way, on the Esplanade near DCR’s Hatch Shell.

Funding for the \$1.7 million project comes from the state’s Accelerated Bridge Program, under which the Patrick Administration has committed \$3 billion over the next several years to repair and replace 250 Massachusetts bridges identified as structurally deficient.

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