

Town of Ipswich

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Town of Ipswich Announces Traffic Pattern Change on County Street Bridge



Section of County St that will be One-Way

Legend

- One Way sign
- 15 Ton with directional arrow
- Do Not Enter with One Way Arrow on top pointing North

IPSWICH — Director of Public Works Rick Clarke and the Town of Ipswich announce upcoming changes to the traffic pattern on the County Street Bridge.

The Town was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation that the County Street Bridge has structural deficiencies that will require the bridge to be closed to southbound traffic. As a result, a section of County Street between Elm Street and the northern end of the County Street Bridge will become a one-way for vehicles heading north.

Additionally, MassDOT has revised the weight limit for the bridge from having no weight limit restrictions to 15 tons. These changes will go into effect today September 28, 2022.

Signage and barriers will be posted in the area to alert community members of the changes. This traffic setup will be in place until further notice, so community members are asked to plan accordingly.

The Department of Public Works is working with TetraTech on design options for the needed repairs/improvements while concurrently working with MassDOT to secure funding to assist with the repair work.

"It is unfortunate that we have to close the bridge to southbound traffic, but it is an important step in helping reduce the capacity and strain on this bridge," Director Clarke said. "While the bridge is still safe for travel, we want to amend these structural deficiencies before they can worsen. We will keep residents updated on our progress as we make improvements and thank residents for their patience and understanding during this time."

For questions regarding this traffic change please contact the DPW at dpw@ipswichma.gov or 978-356-6612.

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A message from the Town of Ipswich