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Sound Beach Avenue Bridge Closure Announcement

Greenwich, CT., April 5, 2022 – Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works is announcing that major construction on the Sound Beach Avenue Bridge will commence on April 11, 2022. A temporary vehicular detour utilizing Harding Road and Forest Avenue will be in effect from April 11, 2022, to July 1, 2022. Pedestrians will be routed through Binney Park during construction.



Aerial view of Sound Beach Avenue Bridge

With approximately 14,500 vehicles using the Sound Beach Avenue Bridge every day, this is a critical project that will replace a deteriorating bridge built in 1925. The existing bridge will be replaced by a single-span precast concrete structure. Eliminating the center pier will increase the hydraulic efficiency of the bridge. Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques will be utilized in this project, which can significantly reduce road closure time. To complement the scenic area, the Sound Beach Avenue Bridge will match the look of the Wesskum Wood Road Bridge and pedestrian bridges within Binney Park, by installing a masonry fascia comprised of rounded stones, deep

grout, and capstones. The three primary purposes of this bridge are to support traffic traveling on Sound Beach Avenue, allow water to flow from Cider Mill Brook into Binney Pond, and allow pedestrians to safely travel to and from their destination.

DETOUR INFORMATION

Vehicular detour route: Harding Road and Forest Avenue



Pedestrian detour route: Binney Park

Project Improvement Features:

- Correct existing structural and functional deficiencies of the bridge.
- Relocate the sidewalk to the interior of the bridge and eliminate the old wooden pedestrian bridge.
- New curbing and sidewalk near the bridge.
- Additional drainage to improve run-off.
- Elimination of the bridge's middle pier to improve hydraulic efficiency.
- New pavement and repaved markings on portions of Sound Beach Avenue near the bridge.

• Utilities better hidden from public view.

Construction plans were prepared by Weston & Sampson, of Rocky Hill, CT and the contractor for this project is A. Vitti Excavators, LLC of Stamford, CT. Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works Senior Civil Engineer, Gabriella Circosta Cohee, is the project manager for the Sound Beach Avenue Bridge Project.



The <u>Department of Public Works</u> is committed to providing a variety of services that are of vital importance to the town and residents of Greenwich, CT. This includes but is not limited to highway/roadway maintenance, sewer management, stormwater management, waste disposal and recycling, building inspection and the improvement of public infrastructure.

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