

# Item #7



Message

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Subject: Press Release for work on Rte 13 by NHDOT Bridge Maintenance

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Hello Mr. Flynn,

Attached is a press release for the work we discussed last Tuesday, 3/22/16.

I met with you last Tuesday to discuss work being done by the NHDOT Bridge Maintenance on the NH 13 bridge over the South Branch Piscataquog River. Rick McAllister (419-0484) and Michael Clement of the same Bureau were also in attendance. Tori Underwood from the elementary school, Road Agent Dick Perusse (657-0672), Fire Chief Don McDonald (657-4262) and yourself attended from the Town of New Boston.

I presented our traffic control plan to you showing an 11' travel lane and 3' pedestrian access over two phases of construction. I explained that we were going to remove the pavement and earthen fill from above the concrete rigid frame and repair the three phase/construction joints that are leaking. There were photos shown of the leaking joints. We will be replacing the deteriorated concrete and any reinforcing steel in kind, installing a modern water proof membrane and repaving.

We plan to close the road down to one lane starting on May 16, 2016. We anticipate opening the bridge before Labor Day, or by 9/2/2106. Temporary traffic control signals will be used to control traffic. We will be accommodating the driveway to the Citizen's Bank and the country store/hardware store. We will be storing some materials and equipment on site as well as at the state salt shed nearby. We will be in the area working at the bridge setting up staging in the weeks leading up to May 16.

There will not be a signed detour in place, as there are not many ways to get around the work zone or over the river. You and Mr. Perusse discussed talking to the police department and opening up Depot Road to through traffic during the project to allow locals around the area. We discussed that Depot Road was not suitable for a signed detour, especially for large trucks and buses due to the northern intersection with NH 77.

Mr. Perusse discussed the drainage work the town was having done at NH 136 and then heading up Old Church Road. We agreed that that work should not interfere with our work but we would coordinate more closely as the work progressed.

We discussed the school's Memorial Day observance and the Town's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Mr. Flynn asked that the press release be sent to him for distribution (town newspaper, website and possible note to parents at the Elementary School). Ms. Underwood said she would discuss the work with the bus company.

Thank you,  
Tim

**Bridge repairs planned in New Boston**

NH 13 over South Branch Piscataquog River

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The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces bridge repairs are planned in New Boston on NH 13 over the South Branch of the Piscataquog River.

The bridge deck repair will begin on Monday May 16, 2016 and is expected to continue until August 26, 2016. During this time, there will be single lane (11 ft.) alternating traffic on the bridge controlled by temporary traffic signals. This existing bridge was constructed in 1947 and is on the state's inventory of Red List bridges.