

## **WESTVILLE ROAD BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE: DELAYED RE-OPENING**

Because of the recent severe weather and a scheduling conflict with the installation of the guardrails we will not be able to **pave the bridge until Monday, August 26**. This means that the bridge will have to **remain closed until first thing Wednesday morning the 28th, opening in time for the school buses**.

Severe weather causes a bigger problem at the end of a project. There is no time left to make up for time lost to weather, like there is at the beginning of a project.

The guardrail is a matter of safety and we cannot re-open the bridge without them being installed.

The SAU and the Post Office have been contacted to make them aware of the delay.

We have made it abundantly clear to the contractor that Westville Road must be open on Wednesday morning in time for the buses to roll for the first day of school.

Please continue to refrain from going on the bridge. It is still an active construction site, not open to the public.

This does not impact the scheduled deadlines for substantial completion (October 15) and final completion (November 14).

If there are any costs overages related to this delay, they will be borne by the contractor, not by the Town.

We know this is a huge inconvenience, and you've all been so patient. This news is very disappointing as we are all anticipating the re-opening of the bridge. But it needs to be done safely.

As always, the Planning Department is available to answer your questions at 603-382-5200 X202 or [dvoss@plaistow.com](mailto:dvoss@plaistow.com)