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Dear Community Association Neighbors,

Given the ongoing deterioration of the West Glebe Road Bridge superstructure (deck and beams), Arlington County has decided to revise its construction plans. Starting Monday, May 9, vehicular traffic will no longer be allowed on the bridge. A temporary pedestrian walkway, separate and independent of the superstructure, will be built to allow crossing for pedestrian and cyclists during construction.

The project team, which includes representatives from the County and City, had intended to keep the bridge operational during construction in response to the communities' concern for connectivity and the impact to residents living in proximity. However, because of a bridge inspection on March 25, engineers had to shut down all southbound vehicular traffic due to further degradation of structural beams.

Keeping the bridge open to vehicular traffic during construction is no longer an option due to safety concerns. Disassembling the bridge will add additional stress to the structure, increasing the risk of further degradation leading to an uncontrolled closure.

Staff from both jurisdictions have been coordinating closely throughout the decision process.

This revised construction plan should allow for accelerated construction to complete the project earlier than anticipated. Two lanes and a sidewalk will be open for users by early 2023, with project completion by late spring/early summer 2023.

If you have questions regarding the construction or general management of the project, please contact Arlington County Project Manager, Kathy Ovalle La Torre, at kovalle@arlingtonva.us.

For questions or concerns not related to general construction operations or project timelines for the bridge repair operations, please contact Mohammad Azmi, at Mohammad.Azmi@alexandriava.gov.

Sincerely,

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