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MassDOT Advisory: Beverly

Hall-Whitaker Drawbridge - Bridge Street over Bass River

Bridge Closure

Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic until further notice

BEVERLY – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the closure of the Hall-Whitaker Drawbridge, carrying Bridge Street over the Bass River, in Beverly effective June 17, 2022.

A Bridge Rating confirmed that the bridge has insufficient load carrying capacity due to significant deterioration in the primary structural elements, warranting the closure of the bridge to all vehicular traffic. The Bridge Rating has confirmed that the sidewalks on both sides of the bridge can remain open to pedestrians and bicycles. At the present time, the swing span will continue to operate for marine traffic; however, MassDOT is evaluating the feasibility of a reduced opening schedule.

Regional traffic will be detoured as follows:

- Westbound traffic will be directed to follow McPherson Drive northbound; and turn left onto Route 62 (Elliott Street) westbound where drivers can continue to destinations to the west.
- Eastbound traffic will be directed to continue travelling on Route 62 eastbound to access points within downtown Beverly; or turn right onto McPherson Drive southbound to rejoin Bridge Street on the east side of the bridge.

Local traffic will be detoured as follows:

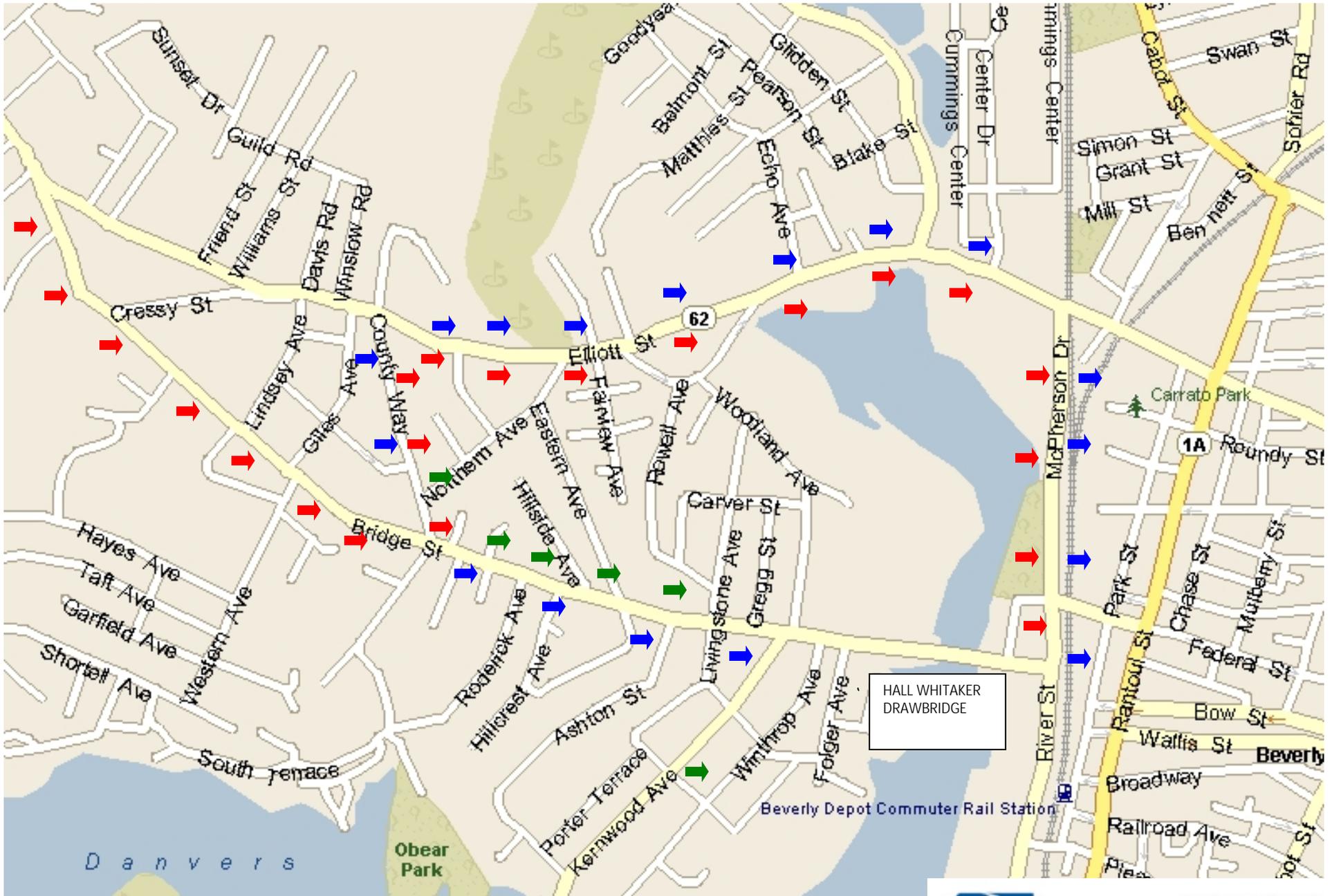
- Bridge Street westbound traffic will be directed to follow McPherson Drive northbound; and turn left onto Route 62 (Elliott Street) westbound; and turn left onto County Way; connecting to Bridge Street on the west side of the bridge.
- Bridge Street eastbound traffic will be directed to turn left onto County Way; right onto Route 62 eastbound (Elliott Street); and right onto McPherson Drive; connecting to Bridge Street on the east side of the bridge.

MassDOT has programmed funding for the replacement of the bridge and the project is currently under design. MassDOT will be meeting with City and State elected leaders and officials in the coming weeks to provide additional updates on the status of the project to replace the bridge.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.



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