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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR SAGAMORE BRIDGE REPAIR WORK SET TO BEGIN EARLY MARCH *Traffic Task Force launches a number of mitigation measures to reduce disruption.*

Bourne, Mass. – The Canal Area Regional Traffic Task Force created in 2009 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation at the request of Congressman Bill Delahunt announced today that the Army Corps. of Engineers could begin repair work on the Sagamore Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal as soon as March 1st rather than the anticipated date of March 15. The deck repairs and paving is still expected to be completed later this Spring. Task Force Chairman Thomas Cahir stated “I am very pleased that the Army Corps has certainly heard Task Force members and stakeholders loud and clear as to the importance of timely completion of the necessary work. The Corps has been cooperative and is working with us to minimize traffic congestion and inconvenience to motorists.

Travel restrictions resulting from the repair work are now planned to begin, weather permitting, on Monday, March 1 at 10 a.m. and will continue 24-hours a day, 7-days a week until completion of the project. During the scheduled repairs to the Bridge, travel will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION. No wide loads will be permitted to cross the span.

Drivers and visitors planning to use the Sagamore Bridge should be aware that travel delays are likely to occur and should make every effort to seek alternate routes or avoid travel over the bridge during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods each day. The best times to use the bridge will be midday (between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM) and the late evening (after 7:00 PM).

The Task Force is currently developing an online resource which will be available on capecodrta.org/sagamorebridge by March 1st that will provide visitors and drivers with live traffic cameras and more detailed information regarding the construction timeline, lane shifts and restrictions, and any other adjustments to the project schedule.

In addition to the website and live traffic cameras, the Task Force will provide message boards at both approaches to the Sagamore Bridge to keep motorists advised of traffic conditions and work efforts. In addition, fixed signage will be installed at all approach roads to the Sagamore Bridge, alerting motorists to the bridge work and associated travel restrictions.

BACKGROUND ON BRIDGE REPAIRS: The repair work being completed by the Army Corps of Engineers will consist of removal of existing waterproofing and pavement of the bridge deck, concrete deck repairs, and installation of a new asphalt pavement wearing surface on the Sagamore Bridge. The work will also include replacement of the concrete parapet walls on the bridge abutments, repairs to the concrete sidewalk, removal and resetting of granite curbing, and rehabilitation of the bridge electrical lighting system.

Additionally, pavement repairs to the Bourne Bridge are also scheduled for completion as part of the Army Corps’ project. That work will be coordinated with the Sagamore Bridge work, so that at least one bridge will be fully open to traffic each day during peak travel periods. The Task Force will remain intact and monitor on going construction

For more information on the Cape Canal Area Traffic Task Force visit:

<http://transportation.blog.state.ma.us/blog/2009/11/cape-canal-task-force-tackles-traffic.html>

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