

## Village of Brockport Bridging the Closure Committee Meeting

June 24, 2021 (7 pm), Village Court Room

Committee Attendees: M. Blackman, K. Kristansen, S. Bonczyk, Z. Fairchild, G. Gustke, B. Hart, B. LeSuer, M. Perreault, P. Pryor, K. Schoeberl, S. Smith

Mayor Blackman opened meeting at 7 PM with introductions of guests. Each committee member introduced themselves by name and interest in the bridge closure.

(Note: Entire meeting was recorded on Zoom and will be available on village website for reference.)

The meeting was then turned over to our guests: Katherine Fragale, Regional Structures Engineer, NYS DOT and Mark Pawloski, NYS DOT Construction Group.

- Katherine offered a little history of the Main St bridge...age (built in 1915), structure renovations to be completed (refer to Zoom recording for complete list of repairs and rebuilds), goals for renovations (to give bridge 25-30 years of uninterrupted service and life with minimal repairs). All work will be completed with bridge in "lift" position. There will also be a cap on number of days that bridge is closed. Total project can take up to 18 months.
- Renovations (major in nature) similar to Spencerport (Rt. 259 bridge) and Fairport (Rt. 250 bridge).

The following are questions that were raised for Katherine Fragale and Mark Pawloski to answer...

- *Can you discuss the rerouting of traffic for first responders, delivery services, etc.*

Official detours will be Rt. 31 to Redman Road to West Ave. Both Park Ave and Smith St bridges will serve as conduits for first responders, delivery, etc.

- *What about the co-opting of space in front of businesses directly on the canal; will the contractors meet with those business owners? Can Village government request a meeting with the contractors?*

There will be fenced in area on the north and south side of the bridge that will be used to house contractor's supplies, large equipment, etc. All sidewalks will be left open...the fenced in area will extend from curb to curb. There will also be barricades with crosswalks behind them to offer safety for pedestrians. The canalway path will be open at all times.

Approximately 11 parking spaces on the south side of the bridge between the bridge and Clinton Street will be unavailable during the project. There will be a public hearing in the Spring of 2022 prior to start of construction to share info, etc. A point of contact for the village will be made available at this time.

- *Signage—where and what?*

Signage will be provided at north and south end...Katherine Fragale will consult with the DOT traffic group regarding specificity and location of signs. The committee has requested that the signage clearly state that the road is closed at the canal and businesses are open...at the north and south end. Signage has been requested regarding detours around barricades that cyclists and pedestrians will have to make as they navigate the canalway path at the bridge site. DOT cannot post signage for local detours, i.e. directing people coming from the north to get to downtown south of the bridge to use the Park Avenue bridge, but the Village can post signs.

- *Has the RFP already gone out for contractors?*

Not yet...the information will be sent out 6 weeks prior to early November 2021.

- *You mentioned that the contractors will rent space near the canal for parking equipment, worker vehicles, etc. Can you elaborate?*

No municipal parking spaces will be used by contractors. The contractor will be renting spaces for this use from private businesses.

- *Downtown business owners are concerned about where equipment and workers' cars will be parked. They don't want to see municipal parking spaces taken up.*

The only municipal spaces will be those that fall within the staging area between the bridge and Clinton Street on Main Street.

*What exactly does the reconstruction of the bridge involve—any manufacture of special parts, for example.*

Katherine Fragale went into detail regarding the aspects of the project: replacement of structure driven on, some vertical repair, painting, lift mechanism rehab-historic rehab which means restored, not replaced, etc. Because of the historical nature and age of the bridge there may be parts that need to be crafted. More specific information can be seen and heard on the zoom recording of the meeting.

- *When is it likely that the closure will begin (month or season)? Does the Village have any say over that?*

Yes. The project will not begin until August 15, 2022, at the earliest. This date was requested so that the Brockport Arts Festival could be accommodated!! Date is also dependent on contractor schedule and approvals.

A few other miscellaneous details that were mentioned in meeting:

Fire trucks can use Park Ave bridge as well as Clinton St. during the project. The trucks will have direct access to Clinton St from the Market St firehouse.

Points of contact: Katherine Fragale until bids are awarded, once work starts contact Mark Pawloski and then Project Engineer (TBD). Also info can be found on DOT website. Both persons are willing to meet with us as the time gets closer for the project to begin.

Smith Street bridge-there had been a request made to install a temporary light at the bridge to help with safety and volume of traffic during the project. At this time that request has been turned down per the traffic/safety engineer at DOT. Concerns/questions regarding this can be forwarded to Katherine Fragale.

Businesses in the downtown district (and elsewhere) will want to inform their delivery persons of the bridge closure and alternate routes that the delivery persons can use to get to business and then again from business. (Especially important for large truck deliveries)

DOT challenges learned from the Fairport and Spencerport bridge projects:

the components to replace are unique and finding them can be a challenge...DOT is requesting the contractor have everything ready and on site before bridge closure

sharing with residents and village officials

Spencerport bridge very similar to Brockport, Fairport was more complicated

Request was made for data from Rt. 259 canalway path crossing at bridge regarding accidents of walkers and bicyclists

Future committee meetings...in July the Fairport mayor and economic development coordinator will present their "bridge" experiences and in August the mayor of Spencerport will present same.

Next meeting will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Kristansen, Committee Co-Chair