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RE: The Webster Avenue Bridge Replacement – Heads Up

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Webster Avenue Bridge (the “Bridge”) was built by the LIRR 127 years ago in 1897 to connect Webster Avenue in Plandome Heights to Pinewood Road in Flower Hill. The Bridge was rehabilitated 56 years later in 1953. Then, with more decades of use affecting its structural integrity, the Bridge was closed for extensive repairs in 1979 and again 36 years later in 2015. During those extensive repairs, the weight limit was lowered, currently to 3 tons, and a height restriction was set to limit activity. The Bridge needs to be replaced.

I write to report to you that the LIRR has scheduled the Bridge to be replaced in 2025 with initial, preparatory work starting in December 2024. We have been in regular contact with our municipal partners at the LIRR and the adjacent communities (the Village of Flower Hill and the Town of North Hempstead). As I understand it, the plans for the Bridge include:

Preparatory Work is Planned for December 2024 – This is currently being scheduled for December where certain trees along the Bridge road will be removed in order to facilitate the installation of a retaining wall to support the new road. While as many trees as possible will be retained, I believe that there may be a noticeable change to the canopy of trees over the Bridge.

The Bridge is Expected to be Closed for Nine Months in 2025 – Bridge replacement is scheduled to begin in early January 2025 and continue for approximately nine months. During this time, the Bridge will be closed and traffic will be detoured. After an initial period of adjustment, this may result in lower vehicle traffic in the Bournedales during the closure.

Materials May be Staged in Plandome Pond Park – A portion of Plandome Pond Park near Webster Avenue may be used to hold construction materials and equipment.

Stay Tuned for Further Information – The LIRR will be providing further information in the coming weeks and months so stay tuned for that.

The period of construction will be inconvenient and disruptive. Your patience will be appreciated so that we get a new, safe, modern bridge. Let me know if you have concerns as this develops; we will have a continuous dialog with the LIRR and our adjacent officials.

I thought you should hear this directly from me.

Sincerely,
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