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## MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAY DIVISION - DISTRICT 3

**TO:** Kristen L. Forsberg, Town of Leicester Assistant to the Town Administrator  
**FROM:** Carmen D. Ramirez, MassDOT Resident Engineer  
**RE:** Rawson Street over Cedar Meadow Pond - Contract No. 100296  
**DATE:** April 5, 2018

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#### Progress Update:

This project began by performing various inspections, site visits and surveys couple of months ago. Then it moved to the installation and relocation of the utility poles and lines that run north-south across the bridge.

Construction signs were installed and message boards were deployed. The road was closed to through traffic on Monday 4/2/18. Temporary barricades, attenuators, barriers and fence were erected. The contractor began implementing the erosion control measures. Bridge demolition began right after.

Material and equipment will be delivered in and out the work area. We anticipate a lot of activities the rest of this week and for a few weeks to come.

#### Look Ahead:

The contractor will continue earth excavation and removing boulders to be reuse later on.

Also, as part of the control of water plan, the contractor will begin the installation of sheet piles along both faces of the channel. This operation can be loud and produce mild vibrations.

Towards the end of the week, HUB, the deep foundation sub-contractor will be mobbing-in heavy equipment, possibly start the installation of bridge supporting piles.

Some inconvenience and vehicles turnaround is expected. We will work hard at minimizing the impact to the community while the brand-new bridge gets build. Again, we apologize for the inconveniences and will continue to take measures to proceed as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the cooperation and understanding of the residents of the neighboring towns. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.