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Watervale Road Bridge to be Closed

Deterioration of Bridge Deck a Factor

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Public Works has announced that the historic Watervale Road Bridge will be closed this week and will be replaced with a two lane bridge in the near future. The bridge will be closed to traffic beginning Wednesday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Engineers determined the bridge needed to be replaced after an inspection of the bridge revealed a deterioration of the bridge deck. The bridge will be removed and will be used elsewhere in the county in as a pedestrian bridge, thus maintaining the historical significance of the structure which is believed to be over 100 years old.

The current bridge will be replaced with a one-lane temporary bridge which will re-open in approximately 90 days. Work to replace the temporary bridge with a permanent two-lane bridge is anticipated to begin in 2011.

Those who normally use the Watervale Road Bridge for travel between Bel Air and Fallston should consider an alternate means of travel beginning this Wednesday.

For further information contact the Department of Public Works at 410-638-3509.

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