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New Multi-Use Path on Martin's Point Bridge To Open Next Tuesday, June 3

PORTLAND – As the first step to opening the new Martin's Point Bridge to traffic, CPM Constructors will allow pedestrians and bicycles onto the new multi-use path around midday next Tuesday, June 3. The path will be open to pedestrians and bicyclists only. All motor vehicles will continue to travel over the old bridge.

CPM Constructors expects to be able to shift all traffic, including vehicles, over to the new bridge within the next few weeks.

“Conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the bridge have been pretty challenging for well over a year, so we are sure this development will be welcomed by many,” said Carol Morris, spokesperson for the bridge construction. She noted that some gravel surface will remain at each end of the multi-use path for a period of time.

Even after all traffic is routed over the new bridge, the project will be far from over. For the next month, final work on stripping concrete forms, sealing the concrete, and construction of the remainder of the abutments, the Falmouth approach, the westerly sidewalk, Kansas and Patriot railing and guardrail and the transition barriers off the bridge will remain, along with installation of lighting and other utilities will all be taking place. CPM will also begin demolition on the old bridge in June. Final landscaping will take place at the close of the project later in the fall.

The Martin's Point Bridge is located between Portland and Falmouth on Route 1. The current Martin's Point Bridge was built in 1943; the replacement is located adjacent to the existing bridge.