



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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Dear Meadow Way Resident:

It has been quite a while since our last correspondence and we are working on providing you with an update on the status of our activities to date. For the past 18 months or so, we have been working with the Caltrans Local Assistance Office in Oakland and Headquarters in Sacramento to get responses regarding the key issues brought up at the first workshop in November 2013. We also requested additional funding from Caltrans for completing various studies and reports to continue with the project.

Most importantly, we wanted to let you know that Caltrans Bridge Maintenance Department, a different Caltrans group altogether, informed us in late July (via phone) that they had returned to the site for an extra bridge inspection. While the aforementioned group conducted its biennial bridge inspection in October 2014, Caltrans returned and performed a more detailed one in July 2015. Apparently, as a matter of practice, Caltrans returns to certain at-risk bridges to conduct further investigations for additional quality assurance. This time they discovered a rotten wooden bent cap beam (i.e., support beam for girders which supports the deck) that needs to be replaced and a split timber pile head (i.e., column) that needs to be steel-banded (see the attached Caltrans' photos for more detail). For a copy of the Caltrans bridge inspection report, please go to www.fairfaxbridges.com.

The Town needs to make temporary repairs to these critical bridge components within 6 months. These are very important safety measures that need to be taken through the repairs. If the repairs are not done, Caltrans has told us that they would rate the bridge as inoperable and will be required to close it to traffic. We are in the process of documenting the improvements and will seek approval from the Council on September 2nd to move forward with repairs. Per State regulations, work can only be done in the creeks between April and October. In order to make the repairs, we will need to work in the creek. If we wait until April, we run the risk of Caltrans closing the bridge. The estimated cost of design and repairs is approximately \$40,000. These costs are not eligible for any funding by Caltrans.

We are in the process of designing the repairs, but believe the work itself is fairly straight-forward. The preparations, the actual repair work and demobilization of equipment and workers will take 4-5 days. The actual repairs will be done from down below and will take only one day. During that day, the bridge will be kept open, although we would request that you minimize travel on the bridge as much as possible. We will provide you additional updates, one of which will be the start date of the preparations at the site and the date of the actual repairs. Please note you may see people inspecting the bridge as part of the design process.

Lastly, we will be sending you separate correspondence regarding our discussions with Caltrans to date. We plan to also discuss these issues at the Council meeting.

If you have any questions please email me at gtoy@townoffairfax.org or Nader Tamannaie, bridge engineer at ntamannaie@califstructure.com, or use the fairfaxbridges.com site to forward a question to our attention.

Sincerely,



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Town Manager

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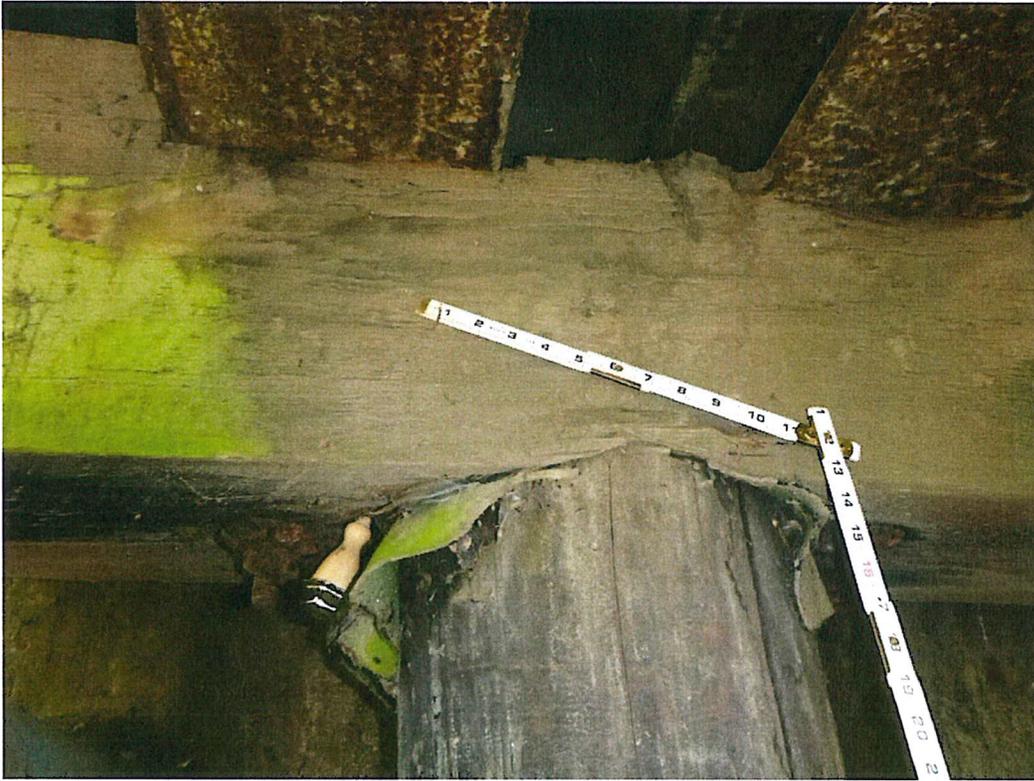


Photo No. 1

Timber cap crushing at Pier 5 Column 1.

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Photo No. 2

Timber cap split at Pier 5.

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Photo No. 3

Timber splits at Column 3 of Pier 3.

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Photo No. 4

Timber splits at Column 3 of Pier 3.