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Attn: Downtown Merchants and Transportation/Delivery Companies

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Subj: Main St Bridge Existing Conditions Summary & Recommendations

Hoyle, Tanner & Associates (HTA), the Town's consultant, has completed the investigation of the existing conditions of the Main St Bridge. Two recommendations are put forth by HTA;

- Complete replacement of the bridge, not rehabilitation as originally envisioned by the NHDOT
- Posting the bridge "Weight Limit 15 tons"

The first recommendation answers many questions and now allows us to begin to focus on a narrower set of conceptual approaches to the replacement of the bridge.

The second recommendation is imminent and has been approved by the Select Board; this limitation will be in effect until the bridge is replaced. Appropriate signage will be erected depicting the "over 15 ton truck" detour; a map of the detour is on the reverse side of this notice. This recommended weight limit of 15 tons (30,000 lbs) is significantly less than the allowable standard weight limit on most roadways in the state of 40 tons (80,000 lbs) and will have a direct affect on large delivery trucks in the downtown. I have met with Police and Fire and we will all monitor the transportation situation for deliveries. Grove St will become the main access to the downtown for large delivery trucks. Many deliveries presently use Grove St as part of the access route today.

Please inform all your vendors of this weight limitation for the Main St Bridge. Consider early morning deliveries when traffic is light.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this issue. Public meetings will resume in February as we begin to identify replacement technologies and conceptual approaches to this very difficult project.

