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## **MassDOT Advisory: Lowell**

### **Temporary Traffic Pattern Change on Central Street Bridge over Pawtucket Canal**

*Traffic will change to one-way northbound travel as of 10 a.m. on  
Tuesday, February 23*

**LOWELL** – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that the Central Street Bridge over the Pawtucket Canal in Lowell will be reduced to one-way northbound traffic beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23. This revised traffic pattern will remain in effect for approximately five months to facilitate bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction operations that include the replacement of select steel beams and a new concrete bridge deck.

The following detours will be in place during the temporary change in traffic pattern:

- Drivers wanting to continue southbound should take East Merrimack Street, turn right onto High Street, and then turn right onto Andover Street to Central Street.
- Drivers traveling from the VFW Highway/Bridge Street intersection should continue eastbound on VFW Highway (Route 110) and use the exit for the Hunts Fall rotary. Drivers should continue over the Hunts Fall Bridge onto Nesmith Street, and then turn right onto Andover Street to Central Street.

Pedestrian traffic will be maintained across the bridge at all times.

All work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

The work is part of the \$12.7 million project to replace or rehabilitate five canal bridges. The project is expected to be completed in April 2022.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.