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## Notice of Upcoming Geotechnical Drilling At the Staples Bridge, Card Mill Road, North Berwick, Maine

What: Temporary Bridge Closures  
Dates: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 through Friday, June 1, 2018  
Times: Intermittent Throughout Day (9:00am to 3:30am)  
Emergency: Contact S.W. Cole Engineering at 603-692-0088 and they will direct your call to the field crew to have equipment moved.

This letter is to alert Residents and Property Owners on Card Mill Road, Staples Drive and Middle Street of upcoming geotechnical drilling at the Staples Bridge. On the dates of Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> the Staples Bridge will be temporary closed intermittently for periods of time not to exceed more than 15 minutes each to allow for the engineering evaluations to be completed.

S.W. Cole Engineering Inc. and S.W. Cole Explorations, LLC will be onsite conducting test boring explorations at each abutment as part of the geotechnical investigation required as part of the evaluation of potential future improvements to the Staples Bridge. A drilling rig will be taking soil samples and probes in Card Mill Road on the north and south sides of the bridge.

Single lane closures will occur on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 9:00 am and extending into the early afternoon hours to allow for full depth test borings to be completed. Traffic control will be in place including advance warning signs, cones, and flaggers for traffic safety. A minimum lane width of 10 feet will be maintained during these explorations to allow for single lane passage around the drill crews during this phase of work.

Intermittent full bridge closures will occur during the afternoon hours between 12:00 and 3:30 on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to allow for explorations to occur along the center line of the existing roadway. Full bridge closures will be limited to not more than 15 minutes each to allow for the engineering evaluations to be completed. Between exploration locations the roadway will be reopened to allow passage of vehicles through the work area. The crews will make every attempt possible to limit the time required during closures, however closures are necessary to collect the data needed to assess the condition of the existing bridge substructures.

This project is being completed by the Maine Department of Transportation and is being coordinated with the Town of North Berwick. If you have additional questions about the ongoing work please feel free to contact Joel Kittredge at the Maine Department of Transportation at 207-624-3550 or Dwayne Morin at 207-676-3112 extension 4.



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