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***Cowles Bridge: MassDOT Project Update***

***Westfield*** – Demolition of the existing Cowles Bridge on Routes MA-10 & US-202 (Southwick Road) was delayed due to abandoned insulation pipe jackets, attached to the bridge, testing positive for asbestos-containing materials. The contractor was then required to create a plan for abatement, which MassDEP has reviewed and approved.

Beginning this week, abatement activities will occur for the next 1-2 weeks. During this entire process, crews have been working below the bridge to prepare for demolition.

Tentatively, the schedule is for demolition of the existing bridge to start at the end of August and continue through the duration of September.

Questions to be directed to MassDOT – District 2 at 857-368-2000.