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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

ATLDOT CHESHIRE BRIDGE RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND REBUILD EFFORTS

Question #1 – What were the initial steps taken by ATLDOT to RESPOND to the fire underneath Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek?

Answer –ATLDOT Response, which began in the early hours of August 5, includes the following completed activities:

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 – Deployed ATLDOT engineering staff to the incident site after the fire was contained.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 – Installed Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)-mandated bridge closure with detour signage. Closure will remain in place until further notice.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 – Issued traffic advisory was distributed to an e-mail list of city public safety, public transportation, law enforcement, and media outlets, and posted on ATLDOT digital platforms.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 9 – Posted traffic advisory with GIS map detailing detour routes to the ATLDOT website.

Question #2 – What is the current post-fire condition of the Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek?

Answer – Due to unsafe conditions (high bridge temperatures and compromised structure), ATLDOT inspectors have not been able to evaluate the extent of the damage.

Question #3 – What are plans for bridge repairs or replacement moving forward?

Answer – Due to unsafe conditions (high bridge temperatures and compromised structure), ATLDOT inspectors have not been able to evaluate the extent of the fire damage. However, based on all information available to us now, we expect a complete demo and bridge rebuild will be in order.

Question #4 – How long would it take to replace the bridge, should a full rebuild be required?

Answer – Based on best available information at this time, a ballpark estimate for construction, including demo, design, and rebuild, is a minimum of one (1) year. This estimate does not take into account any significant delays (i.e., procurement, weather, or unforeseen construction issues).

Question #5 – Why is ATLDOT projecting a minimum of one (1) year to rebuild Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek, when it only took six (6) weeks to repair to the I-85 bridge over Monroe Drive?

Answer – Based on the information available at this time, ATLDOT inspectors believe the damage to the substructure of Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek will warrant complete demolition and replacement. The damage to the I-85 overpass substructure was far less severe, allowing for structural repairs only.

Question #6 – What steps has ATLDOT taken to RECOVER access to Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek?

Answer – ATLDOT has assembled a Cheshire Bridge Rebuild Team to evaluate the condition of the bridge and determine the best course of action moving forward. This would include developing a plan for bridge demolition, design, and replacement, if warranted.

Question #7– What measures have the ATLDOT Cheshire Bridge Rebuild Team undertaken to accelerate potential bridge replacement?

Answer – Anticipating the need for possible demo/design/rebuild of Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek, the ATLDOT Cheshire Bridge Rebuild Team is:

- Issuing an emergency bridge demolition RFP (Request for Proposals), with bids due by August 13, 2021.
- Preparing an emergency design/build RFP, with target completion by the end of August 2021.
- Coordinating with utility partners to discuss potential relocation sequencing for maximum expediency and efficiency.