



News Release

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Cheshire Bridge Demolition to Begin Week of November 8th *All Bridge Access Restricted Through End of Construction*

ATLANTA—The City of Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) announced utility relocation work is complete on the fire-damaged Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek, clearing the way for demolition work to begin the week of November 8th.

The bridge was closed to traffic after a fire severely compromised its safety and efficacy in August of this year. A demolition contractor was selected in late September and vendors have been working to move power, water, gas, cable and phone lines off the bridge and around the construction zone.

Final preparations are scheduled to be completed by Sunday, November 7th. Investigative demolition work—as well as bridge sidewalk and overhang removal—will then take place, with major demolition scheduled to begin later that same week.

“We are grateful for the patience and continued support of the local community in the face of the tremendous inconvenience caused by the Cheshire Bridge closure,” said ATLDOT Commissioner Josh Rowan. “Issues encountered during the utility relocation process have delayed the start of demolition, but work should progress well from this point.”

The designated contractor will work seven days a week on a 24-hour-a-day schedule to complete the demolition. This aggressive schedule will ensure the safety of the public, while preparing the bridge for construction in 2022.

“We are currently preparing a bid package for design and construction and expect to have a contractor on board soon after demolition is complete,” Rowan said. “We remain committed to getting the bridge demolished and replaced as safely and quickly as possible.”

About ATLDOT: The Atlanta Department of Transportation serves as both the coordinating agency for all transportation matters within the city government and as the point of contact for residents and external agencies. ATLDOT’s goal is to provide a safer, more equitable and more sustainable transportation network throughout the city.

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