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## **TxDot to Close Washington Ave. Bridge Temporarily**

Waco, Texas (July 14, 2016) – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will temporarily close the Washington Avenue Bridge at the Brazos River in Waco, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 16th, 17th and 18th.

The temporary closure will allow TxDOT to conduct a fracture critical inspection of the structure. TxDOT rehabilitated the more than a century old Brazos River bridge in 2010, which included cleaning, painting, structural repairs, new decking and upgrading bridge approaches to meet current roadway safety and design specifications.

The structure is now on a two-year recurring fracture critical inspection schedule which looks at all connections and supporting components. The most recent inspection was conducted in July 2014.

Traffic will be temporarily detoured to the Franklin, Waco Drive and Herring bridges during the inspection.

TxDOT asks that motorists, pedestrians and watercraft users observe all warning signs and watch for inspection personnel and equipment in the work area.

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