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## **City of Waco to Hold Virtual Ground Breaking for the Reconstruction of the Waco Suspension Bridge**

**WACO, TEXAS (October 21, 2020)** The City of Waco will hold a Virtual Ground Breaking ceremony marking the beginning of the renovation of the historic Waco Suspension Bridge, Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM. Due to COVID-19 limits on group meetings and to observe social distancing the participants met individually at University Parks Drive side of the Suspension Bridge to record their part of the ceremony.

The edited virtual ribbon cutting celebration ceremony will air on WCCC-TV (available on Spectrum and Grande cable channel 10 and on the web at [www.wccc.tv](http://www.wccc.tv)) at 10am on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Participating in the Virtual Ribbon Cutting are Jonathan Cook- Waco Parks and Recreation Director, Waco City Manager Bradley Ford, Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Pro-Tem and District One Council Representative Andrea Barefield, District Four Council Representative, Darius Ewing and District Two City Council Representative, Hector Sabido.

Wacoans for generations has done its part to reinvest in and preserve this iconic structure. Most notably, in 1914 it was rebuilt for improved structural capacity and to take on its signature art deco stylings. The cabling and anchors dating to that era have now reached the point where replacement is needed, setting the stage for a \$12.4 million dollar rehabilitation effort to include the foundations, towers, decking, and railings.

The City of Waco invites all its citizens to share in this special ceremony marking the beginning of the project to enhance, protect and preserve Waco's historic Suspension Bridge.

Media interested in receiving a full HD copy of the video after the ceremony airs can call 750-5636 or email [Larryh@wacotx.gov](mailto:Larryh@wacotx.gov).

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