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Initial Work to Begin On Rehabilitation of Waco Suspension Bridge

The design phase of the Suspension Bridge Rehabilitation Project will begin Monday, February 5th that will require several short term access closures to the bridge for crews to perform the collection of drill cores to bedrock in 3 locations (mid span; between UParks anchor houses; & between MLK anchor houses).

The drilling activity will be performed in 3 phases to minimize public interruption.

- Phase 1 – drilling from the middle of the bridge starting Monday, February 5th that will require that the bridge be completely barricaded (no public access permitted on the bridge structure for at least 48 hours but not to exceed four days). The plan is to open the bridge for public use by noon Friday, February 9th.
- Phase 2 – drilling between the anchor houses on the University Parks side of the bridge will start Monday, February 12th and should take approximately 24 hours. Only the work area between anchor houses will be barricaded and the bridge will be open. The bridge should be fully open by Friday, February 16th by noon.
- Phase 3 – drilling between the anchor houses on the MLK side of the bridge will start Monday, February 19th and should only take approximately 24 hours. Only the work area between anchor houses will be barricaded and the bridge will be open. The bridge should be fully open by Friday, February 23rd by noon.

This work plan may be revised if weather or field conditions complicate Phase 1 drilling, and updates will be provided. The project team understands that bridge closures will not be permitted Friday thru Sundays when people want to enjoy the bridge. Additionally, this work schedule will not be revised in a way that conflicts with any public events permitted through the Parks Events Team.

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