



Media Advisory

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Richmond, Virginia

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Temporary Closure of Pedestrian Bridge to Belle Isle ~Scaffolding installation to begin tomorrow ~

RICHMOND, VA – The City temporarily closed the pedestrian bridge under the Lee Bridge after receiving a report that concrete pieces were found on the pedestrian bridge leading to Belle Isle. The City and bridge engineer consultants immediately investigated the incident. It was concluded that the concrete pieces fell from an open joint of the Lee Bridge. Consequently, the pedestrian bridge located directly under the open joint had to be closed in an effort to protect the public.

After the bridge maintenance team removed all observed loose concrete pieces trapped in the open joint, the City bridge engineer and the consultants reached the conclusion that there is no imminent danger of additional concrete pieces falling over the pedestrian bridge. While bridge engineers are planning a long-term solution, the pedestrian bridge can reopen with a scaffolding protection system installed at a certain areas. The vendor will install the scaffolding tomorrow with completion slated for on or before Friday, May 20.

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