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Emergency Closing of Franklin Street Bridge Declared by County Commission President and Council President

Due to structural damage caused by the recent record-breaking arctic temperatures across our area, the Franklin Street Bridge will be closed immediately to all traffic-both vehicular and pedestrian. The bridge is expected to reopen to traffic on April 15.

“The emergency nature of this bridge closure is important for our citizens to understand,” said Dr. Vidya Kora, County Commission President. “The recent extreme temperatures with arctic wind chill led to buckling and damage creating a safety hazard for our community. We must address this for public safety and make sure it is done prior to the start of our seasonal traffic.”

The declaration of an emergency repair – by both the Commission President and Council President - at this location will allow for immediate disbursement of funds from the Major Bridge Fund to pay for engineering services and construction of the repair. The project will be managed by Marquiss Electric with other area firms doing the specialized work required on this project.

Please take other routes to the lakefront and please continue to support our local businesses in this area.