

Leonard Road Bridge Update

The Town of Stafford has been working diligently to procure funding for the repair of the Leonard Road Bridge located at the intersection of Leonard Road and Route 319. This bridge was closed in the interest of public safety as a result of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's last inspection.

We have been notified of a commitment to fund for the replacement of the Leonard Road over Furnace Brook – Bridge # 04778 through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

The LOTICIP application for this project has been approved and has committed \$1,712,000 for the construction costs related to the replacement of this bridge. The Local Capital Improvement Program is a State of Connecticut funding mechanism that distributes formula-based entitlement funds to municipalities to reimburse the cost of eligible capital improvement projects such as bridges.

The final engineering and permitting is now in process. The Town still has much work to conduct prior to the start of construction but finally has a financial basis for which to proceed.

As further progress advances, the Town will provide public statements to keep residents informed.

Mary Mitta, First Selectman

Richard Zulick, Director of Public Works