



DEPARTMENT OF **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Texas Beach Bridge Closure

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the bridge closed?

A: On September 1, a bridge inspection team from Timmons Group initiated a Bridge Safety Inspection of the pedestrian truss bridge providing access to Texas Beach at North Bank Park. During this inspection, severe structural damage was observed. The damage observed could potentially result in a bridge collapse.

Q: Can I still get to Texas Beach?

A: Unfortunately, there are no other public access points to Texas Beach at this time.

Q: When is the bridge going to be fixed?

A: The City is assessing options for repair and/or replacement of the bridge. Fortunately, funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding were requested to address this bridge.

Q: Can I still get to the river from Texas Beach Parking Lot?

A: No. However, the North Bank Trail is still open in full. If you're up for a mile and half hike, you can take North Bank Trail east towards downtown to Belle Isle and Brown's Island.

Q: Where are other places that I can access the James River?

A: The James River can still be accessed at locations such as Pony Pasture, Reedy Creek, Annearrows Landing, the Wetlands, Great Shiplock Park, or Belle Isle.

Q: When was the pedestrian bridge built and how long is it?

A: The pedestrian bridge is 75 yards long (225 feet). The bridge was constructed between 1970 and 1971.

Q: Is there a timeline for how long the work will take?

A: The City is in the early stages of determining what needs to be done. We do not know what a timeline will look like until more assessment is done by our structural engineers.