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Perkins Row / Mile Brook Bridge Traffic Detour

For the past four years, traffic at the Mile Brook Bridge on Perkins Row has been restricted to one lane, requiring motorists traveling through the area to follow an established detour.

The designated detour directs traffic from Perkins Row to Brookside Road, to Ipswich Road, and then back to Perkins Row. Appropriate detour signage has been posted throughout the area to clearly identify and direct motorists along the approved route.

Unfortunately, despite the clearly posted detour signs, some motorists have continued to disregard the designated detour and use Winsor Lane as a shortcut to Perkins Row. Winsor Lane is a highly residential neighborhood with no sidewalks, and the increased volume of traffic creates significant safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, and other roadway users.

The Topsfield Police Department is asking for the cooperation and patience of all motorists. Please follow the posted detour and refrain from using Winsor Lane as an alternative route.

The established detour is in place to safely manage traffic around the restricted area and to minimize the impact on surrounding residential neighborhoods. Compliance with the detour is essential to maintaining the safety of our residents and motorists.

The Topsfield Police Department will be strictly enforcing safe roadway operations and adherence to the posted detour route. Motorists are reminded to obey all posted traffic signs and directives and to operate their vehicles in a safe and responsible manner.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we continue to address the ongoing traffic restrictions at Mile Brook Bridge.

Thank you for helping us keep Winsor Lane and the surrounding neighborhood safe.

Respectfully,

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