



## Lynn-Saugus drawbridge to reopen for cars, but boats will see disruptions



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A drawbridge that was [frozen in the up position](#) for two days has been lowered and will reopen to traffic during Wednesday's morning and evening commutes, officials said.

The Belden G. Bly bridge, which carries Route 107 between Saugus and Lynn, will be open for vehicles Wednesday from about 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., before closing overnight so crews can make repairs, the state Transportation Department announced. The same schedule will apply Thursday, officials said.

The Saugus River channel running underneath will be closed to marine traffic until the bridge is able to operate normally, officials said.

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The bridge got stuck in the up position Sunday night, which caused traffic, including MBTA buses, to be detoured and delayed. The problem was attributed to a steel rope that malfunctioned. Crews managed to lower the bridge at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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“MassDOT crews and contractors continue to work to repair a mechanical issue with one of the steel ropes used to operate this drawbridge,” the department said in a statement. “MassDOT appreciates the patience of the public as the mechanical issue is repaired.”

Also known as the Fox Hill bridge, the structure is considered a temporary one and was installed in 2013 to replace an old bridge that was in poor shape.

The temporary bridge was found to be in “fair” condition as of the last inspection in July 2017, officials said.

It is scheduled to be replaced. The Transportation Department said it expects to start accepting bids on an estimated \$80 million effort to build a new bridge early next year.

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