Columbia Park Golf Bridge (#93844) Stabilization Project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How long will the bridge be closed?
About two months. Construction is anticipated to begin in early October 2016 and extend through the end of November. The bridge will be closed to all traffic during construction.

Will the golf course remain open during construction?
Yes. The entire course will remain open during construction. Columbia Golf Club staff developed a rerouting plan to allow golfers to continue both 9- and 18-hole play through the end of the season. Rerouting information will be provided when golfers check in for play.

What is wrong with the bridge?
City of Minneapolis bridge inspectors found both the western and eastern bridge abutments require immediate repairs in order to remain open to traffic. The bridge was built in 1896 and completed its last major repair in 1976. Over the years erosion undermined the stability for the bridge structure.

How will the bridge be fixed?
A specialty bridge contractor will stabilize the bridge by installing 24 earth nails measuring 20-30 feet long through the existing bridge abutments and into stable ground beyond. The earth nails will connect to a rebar grid installed on the face of each abutment, then the grid will be covered with concrete. This entire system will provide the required stability to extend the lifespan of this historic bridge.

How much does this work cost?
The construction project is anticipated to cost approximately $275,000.

When will the bridge reopen?
The bridge will be open for the 2017 golf season; however, minor pavement and drainage repairs will be made adjacent to the bridge in late 2016 or spring 2017.

For additional information on this project, please visit www.minneapolisparks.org/planning and view the “Columbia Golf Club Stabilization of Bridge 93844” project page.

For additional information on the Columbia Park Bridge, please read the Minnesota Department of Transportation Local Historic Bridge Report at bit.ly/columbiabridge.