

UNIT 9 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Good morning. I'm Charlotte Hamilton and this is breaking news from Channel 11. The bridge over the Oak River here in Pine Haven is reported to have collapsed overnight. According to rescuers at the scene, it is too soon to tell if there are any injuries. Many listeners may remember that repairs on the bridge were scheduled to have started a month ago. Those repairs were supposed to happen because the latest inspection of the bridge showed weak spots that needed to be strengthened. However, those repairs never began. Some lawmakers fought to have the bridge closed down until repairs were completed, but the problems with the bridge were determined to not be very severe. Sounds like it's time to examine that decision more closely.

A few minutes ago, I spoke to Mayor Delancey about exactly what caused the bridge to fall. I would like to thank her for being straightforward with us. She told me that the city council couldn't agree on how much to spend on the repairs. They were required to take a vote, but the mayor said it was nearly impossible to schedule a meeting with all of the necessary people in attendance. A meeting scheduled to have taken place last week was canceled at the last minute.

Mayor Delancey stressed that she hopes no one has been injured in the accident, and also hopes that this will cause enough motivation to immediately make all needed repairs on the roads and bridges in Pine Haven. She also said this illustrates a widespread problem in city government—that it frequently takes too long to fix public facilities. Let's hope this doesn't happen in the future.

On another note, I just got a message from our own Channel 11 reporter, who is at the scene of the collapsed bridge. He is happy to report that no one was seriously injured. Since the accident occurred early in the morning, no one is thought to have been driving over it. People are warned not to go near the bridge because it is a dangerous area. Stay with us throughout the day for updates.