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WILLOUGHBY ROAD BRIDGE CLOSED

Regularly scheduled inspection has revealed that deterioration of the support columns under the Willoughby Road bridge (between College Road and Hagadorn Road, Section 18, Alaiedon Township, over the Sycamore Creek) has progressed to the point that this bridge must immediately be closed to traffic. At this time the Ingham County Road Commission has closed this bridge and posted a detour for traffic to be routed south to Holt Road.

As a result of a previous inspection, which had also found support column deterioration (but not as severe as that which was found recently) this bridge was posted for reduced loads and was reduced to one lane with yield control for one at a time, alternating directions of traffic.

The Road Commission has applied this year, and in previous years, for Local Bridge Program funding (a state and federal funded program) to replace this bridge. It will not be known until late this year (December) whether this bridge replacement will receive funding. Due to declining revenue and significantly increasing costs over the last six years, the Road Commission lacks sufficient budget to replace this bridge without Local Bridge Program funding.

If the Road Commission does not receive funding for replacement, then repair work may be done next year if it is found feasible, otherwise this bridge will remain closed until it receives replacement funding.

For follow up questions, please contact the Road Commission Managing Director, Bill Conklin at (517) 676-9722.

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