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Cumberland County Issues Weight Restriction for Leidigh Bridge

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners announced today a new 27-ton weight limit posting on Leidigh Bridge that carries Leidigh Road over the Yellow Breeches Creek in Monroe Township. The weight posting comes in response to a routine inspection of the bridge that revealed deterioration to the beams that decreased its ability to safely carry all legal loads. The bridge can safely carry vehicles within the established 27-ton limit. Constructed in 1954, Leidigh Bridge carries nearly 1,300 vehicles per day and did not have a weight posting prior to the most recent inspection.

The County was notified of the deficiency on July 17 and installed the new weight posting signs on July 24. PennDOT regulations require installation of the new signs within 7 days of notice of the deficiency. The Cumberland County Commissioners are implementing a weight restriction ordinance that ensures proper enforcement and adjudication of violations. The County has also notified local elected and public safety officials of the new weight restriction.

Cumberland County Planning Director Kirk Stoner indicates that the bridge is slated for future replacement as part of the County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The County is currently engaged in over \$14 million bridge replacement or repair projects as part of its CIP. Stoner noted that replacing Leidigh Bridge is estimated to cost nearly \$3 million. Engineering and design for the replacement project is slated to begin in the next 18-24 months as current bridge projects are completed and additional funding is made available.

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