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Burgner Bridge to Remain Closed for Repair Through Mid-June

Cumberland County, PA- Cumberland County announced today Burgner Bridge that carries T-457 over the Conodoguinet Creek in Lower Frankford Township will remain closed through June 18, at the earliest, to complete additional maintenance work. The County closed the bridge on May 2 to complete a maintenance project that included milling off the existing bituminous wearing surface, installing a waterproofing membrane on the top of the beams, and providing a new bituminous wearing surface. May 20th was the anticipated completion date for the work, however, additional deterioration to the bridge's beams was discovered when the existing wearing course was removed. The County is currently working with the contractor make the additional repairs which will extend the length of the closure through mid-June. The existing detours will remain in place throughout the duration of the project.

The project is part of the county's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan which details over \$14 million of bridge replacement or repair projects throughout the county in the next 6 years. The primary funding source for the plan is a \$5 per vehicle registration fee that the county approved in early 2015. The fees will generate approximately \$1.1 million a year and allow the county to address critical bridge needs without increasing taxes. The funds generated from the potential vehicle registration fee cannot be used for the County General Fund and are designated for roadways and bridges.

To generate this level of revenue without the \$5 registration fee, a 2.5% property tax increase each year for the next 6 years would need to be enacted.



Beam deterioration on Bergner Bridge. The holes in the beams will be repaired as part of the additional maintenance work.

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