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### ***Craighead Bridge to Reopen after Four Years of Construction***

**Cumberland County, Pa.** – After four years the new Craighead Bridge is scheduled to open on Thursday, October 5. A new, modern two-lane bridge replaces the original steel truss Craighead Bridge, which was built in 1899. The nearly \$2.6 million replacement bridge was constructed just west of the original. The County was responsible for approximately 5% of the total project cost; the remaining 95% was paid for using federal and state funds. The new bridge is expected to carry at least 2,000 vehicles per day on Zion Road across the Yellow Breeches Creek.

The original steel truss bridge was closed in July 2013 after it was found to be substantially deteriorated during a routine inspection. Instead of being demolished, North Skunk River Greenbelt Association, which conducts business as Workin' Bridges, from Iowa, purchased the original bridge for \$1 in May. They plan to leave it in place while raising funds for necessary improvements.

The Craighead Bridge replacement project was part of the County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP includes repair or replacement projects to the entire stock of the 28 county-owned bridges. The primary funding source for the plan is the \$5 per vehicle registration fee the County approved in early 2015. These fees will generate approximately \$1.1 million a year and allow the County to address critical bridge needs, without increasing taxes. To generate this level of revenue without the \$5 registration fee, a 2.5% property tax increase each year for the next six years would need to be enacted.

For more information about the County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan, visit [www.ccpa.net/4239/Bridge-Capital-Improvement-Program](http://www.ccpa.net/4239/Bridge-Capital-Improvement-Program).

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