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Cumberland County Issues Weight Restrictions for Two Bridges

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners announced today that Sample and Roush bridges will have new reduced weight restrictions after recent inspections revealed structural deficiencies. Roush Bridge, which carries Dickinson School Road over the Yellow Breeches Creek in Dickinson Township, will now have a 17-ton weight limit, with a 23-ton limit for combination vehicles. Sample Bridge, which carries Sample Bridge Road across the Conodoguinet Creek in Silver Spring Township, has a new weight limit of 23-tons and 33 tons for combinations.

Both bridges are non-composite prestressed concrete box beam bridges. The new weight postings are in response to required annual inspections designed to proactively identify and address structural deficiencies. The bridges were found to have deteriorating beams, which decreased their ability to safely carry all legal loads.

Sample Bridge carries an average of 800 vehicles across the Conodoguinet Creek daily and Roush Bridge sees an average daily use of 80 vehicles. The County has initiated engineering and design work to replace Sample Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in 2020. Roush Bridge has no immediate plans for replacement given its low traffic volumes and availability of alternative routes.

The Sample Bridge replacement project is included in 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 generate approximately \$1.1 million a year and allow the County to address critical bridge needs, without increasing taxes.

The Cumberland County Planning Commission helps build strong urban, suburban, and rural communities by promoting responsible economic development, providing transportation choices, encouraging housing diversity, and conserving natural and historic resources. More information on the work of the Planning Department can be found at www.ccpa.net/120/Planning.

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