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## NOBLE ROAD BRIDGE CLOSED

Regularly scheduled inspection has revealed that deterioration of the Noble Road Bridge over Doan Creek, between Meech Road and Dietz Road, (in sections 8 and 17 of Leroy Township), has progressed to the point this bridge must immediately be closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured one mile south to Holt Road until March 19, 2010. After this date, permanent signage indicating the closed road at the bridge will be erected at each end of the bridge.

The Road Commission has applied for Local Bridge Program funding (a state and federal funded program) to replace this bridge for the last several years. However, since statewide bridge replacement needs far outweigh available funding, the Noble Road Bridge has not yet been selected for replacement. The Road Commission will continue to seek replacement funding, but must keep the bridge closed in the mean time. Due to declining revenue and significantly increasing costs over the last seven years, the Road Commission lacks sufficient budget to replace this bridge without Local Bridge Program funding.

The Road Commission will also study the possibility of making interim repairs to re-open the bridge in the next few months if this is determined to be feasible. If not, then 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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