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COLUMBIA ROAD BRIDGE EAST OF M-52 CLOSED

A regularly scheduled inspection of the Columbia Road Bridge over Kalamink Creek, a half mile east of M-52 in White Oak Township, has revealed that structural deterioration has progressed to the point that this bridge must immediately be closed to traffic. As a result, through traffic will be detoured one mile south to Losco Road.

Since this bridge is only a 14-foot span, it does not qualify for federal or state bridge replacement funding. Bridges must be 20 foot span or greater to receive federal or state funding. Due to declining revenue and significantly increasing costs over the last seven years, the Road Commission lacks sufficient budget to replace this bridge at this time.

The Road Commission will study the possibilities to make repairs to it, or load rate the bridge in its current condition to see if it can be re-opened for limited light-weight traffic. In the meantime, the bridge will remain closed for safety until further notice. When a solution is determined and implemented it will be publicly announced.

The Road Commission is currently in the process of updating all bridge and large culvert inspections at this time. For follow up questions, please contact the Road Commission Managing Director, Bill Conklin at (517) 676-9722.

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