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FUNDING APPROVED TO REPLACE THE WILLOUGHBY ROAD BRIDGE

The Ingham County Road Commission is pleased to announce that Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Advisory Board has approved funding in 2012 to replace the Willoughby Road Bridge over the Sycamore Creek between College Road and Hagadorn Road in Alaiedon Township. Due to support column deterioration, the bridge has been closed since mid-July, 2009.

The Road Commission applied this year, and in previous years, for Local Bridge Program funding (a state and federal funded program) to replace this bridge. **Funding for the Willoughby Road Bridge is scheduled for the 2012 fiscal year at an estimated cost of \$1,210,000.**

In the mean time, the bridge must remain closed, however, design plans and other preparations will be done. Due to declining revenue and significantly increasing costs over the last six years, the Road Commission lacks sufficient budget to replace this bridge without Local Bridge Program funding. The Road Commission is looking into financing options that would allow advancing this project to 2011.

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