

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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ROAD COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW WEIGHT LIMIT ON 52ND STREET BRIDGE IN COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

The new weight restriction imposed this past July on the bridge that carries 52nd Street over the South Branch of the Black River (between 24th Avenue and CR380) in Columbia Township has recently been lifted. The new weight restrictions were implemented after a routine inspection revealed deterioration to a pile that supports the bridge deck.

Van Buren County Road Commission staff, together with Krenn Bridge Company, Kalamazoo, MI, recently replaced the deteriorated bridge pile to restore its structural integrity. The bridge was then re-inspected by engineers from LS Engineering, Inc. who changed the weight limit determination from 7 tons to **30/49/64 tons**. The bridge repair work was accomplished through a 50/50 cost share agreement with Columbia Township.

For more information, please contact the Van Buren County Road Commission at 269-674-8011, or via email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org.

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