



News for Immediate Release

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PennDOT Closed Headquarters Road Near Sheep Hole Road in Tincum Township Due to Bridge Damage

King of Prussia – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that Headquarters Road was closed this morning between Red Hill Road and Tankhannen Road in Tincum Township, Bucks County, due to deterioration of the concrete deck on the bridge over the Tincum Creek.

Motorists are being directed around the area by flagging until detour signs are posted. Under the detour cars will follow Red Hill Road, Dark Hollow Road, and Route 32 (River Road). Trucks will be detoured over Route 611, Route 413, Stump Road/Tohickon Hill Road, and Route 32 (River Road).

"Crews inspected the bridge earlier this morning and discovered a 3 ½-foot-by-1 ½-foot-wide hole in the bridge deck," PennDOT District Executive Lester C. Toaso said. "The bridge was reduced to one lane last April due to damage to the sidewalls and the current condition of the bridge deck cannot support a steel plate to handle traffic."

The three-span, concrete encased I-beam bridge was built in 1919. It is 80 feet long and 18 feet wide. The structure carries 638 vehicles a day and is posted with a 10-ton weight limit. PennDOT is currently discussing options with Tincum Township to replace the bridge.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.

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For more information, visit www.dot.state.pa.us/district6 or call 610.205.6700.

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