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Immediate Bridge Restrictions – South Toutle Road

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South Toutle Road Bridge:

Load limitations and a reduced speed limit have been imposed for the South Toutle Road Bridge crossing the south fork of the Toutle River. Truck traffic is currently restricted to 10 tons and the speed limit has been reduced to 25 MPH. The bridge has been determined to be safe for vehicles weighing less than 10 tons.

Anchor bolts that attach the bridge to the abutment have failed. This has caused a significant bump due to the change in pavement levels. Drivers are advised to travel slowly to reduce jarring. Cowlitz County Public Works is working with their on-call structural engineer to assess the bridge capacity and recommend a permanent repair solution.

Please use caution and obey the weight and speed restriction while crossing the bridge. For up-to-date information please call the Department of Public Works at (360) 577-3030, or visit our website at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks, or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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