

MoDOT Lifts Weight Restriction For Nodaway River Bridge

(MoDOT / KLZA)-- The weight restriction on the Nodaway River Bridge on Route A, just east of Maitland, has been lifted, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation. On Monday, Sept. 22, MoDOT inspectors reopened the bridge after flooding, but placed a 20-ton weight restriction on the bridge, until repairs could be made to stabilize one of the bridge pillars. Crews used rock to stabilize and reinforce the footings of the bridge support pillar where flash flooding had caused significant scour.

While the bridge is safe to use, repairs are still necessary to the bank at the eastern bridge end. Travelers should also be alert as the bridge could close immediately if the river levels rise. Any additional water in the river channel could affect the stability of the slope under the bridge end.

"We know it's harvest season and wanted to lift the weight restriction as quickly as possible for the surrounding community," said MoDOT District Maintenance and Traffic Engineer Marty Liles. "Our crews worked hard all week to ensure the bridge was safe for the larger farming equipment and trucks."

The Route A Nodaway River Bridge was built in 1963 and carries approximately 2,300 vehicles per day. All bridges throughout the United States are federally required to be inspected at least every two years. MoDOT's Northwest District has more than 1,300 bridges among its 20 counties.

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