

## **15-Ton weight limit to be posted on the Milton-Madison Bridge Frequently Asked Questions**

### **When will the 15-ton posted weight limit begin?**

Signs are being fabricated for installation at the bridge and on regional routes. We anticipate these signs to be ready for installation at the beginning of April.

### **How long will the 15-ton posted weight limit be in place?**

Designs for the repairs are underway with the goal of awarding a contract in early summer. The bridge will need to be closed during these repairs so a time that least impacts traffic will have to be determined. Based on previous experience with bridge repairs, we have been restricted to certain days/nights that we could close the bridge. Because of this factor and inclement weather conditions, sometimes there are delays in completing the repairs. The weight limit posting will be re-evaluated after repairs have been made.

### **Why is the weight limit posting necessary?**

There are several fracture critical members suffering from significant section loss or cracking. This has compromised their strength. By removing the large trucks on the bridge we reduce the stress levels on these members.

### **Is the bridge safe for passenger vehicles?**

We believe the bridge to be safe for cars and box trucks. Otherwise the bridge would be closed. The posted limit has the effect of restricting commercial vehicle traffic such as tractor-trailers and dump trucks from the bridge.

### **How will this posting and subsequent repairs affect the Milton-Madison Bridge project?**

The weight limit posting and repairs are being done based upon the biennial inspection of the bridge. These actions would be necessary even if the Milton-Madison Bridge study was not currently going on. The repair work and posting heightens KYTC's and INDOT's commitment to finding a long term solution in an expeditious manner.

### **Will the funds used to repair the bridge detract from the funding for the MM project?**

No, the funds used for this repair will most likely come from our Bridge Maintenance account. Funding for the replacement of the Milton-Madison Bridge will come from a different funding source.