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**15-Ton weight limit for Milton-Madison Bridge begins Thursday**  
*Deterioration documented during biennial inspection*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 31, 2009) — A 15-ton weight limit for the Milton-Madison Bridge, which carries US 421 across the Ohio River from Milton, Ky. to Madison, Ind. will go into effect Thursday, April 2. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) crews will be installing new signs along routes in Henry and Trimble counties tomorrow to advise motorists of the new limit.

A draft report from a biennial inspection performed in December 2008 indicates advanced deterioration on various components of the bridge.

As a precaution, cabinet officials decided to post the bridge at a 15-ton weight limit while developing plans for repairs. Designs are underway with the goal of awarding a contract in early summer. The weight limit posting will be re-evaluated after repairs have been made.

The posted limit has the effect of restricting commercial vehicle traffic from the bridge. Signs will be installed on regional routes to alert truck drivers to the weight restriction.

Vehicles weighing over 15 tons must take an alternate route to cross the Ohio River. The nearest Ohio River bridges are 46 miles downstream in Louisville, Ky. and 26 miles upstream near Vevay, Ind.

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