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HIGHWAY 63 BLACK RIVER BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT CHANGING

LITTLE ROCK (2-18) – Changes to the weight limit on the Highway 63 Black River Bridge in Lawrence County will be made Monday, February 21, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Based on an engineering analysis of the structure and an on-site investigation, an evaluation team recommended that the bridge be posted at 33 tons for five-axle trucks.

Replacement of the 2,608-foot-long bridge is scheduled to begin in 2013. Built in 1949, approximately 10,000 vehicles cross the structure on a daily basis. Until a new bridge is constructed, the existing structure will routinely be monitored and evaluated by AHTD officials.

Impact to travel in the Highway 63 area should be limited because other nearby bridges are already posted at lower weight limits.

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