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Leidigh Bridge Replacement Starts June 13

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners announced today that Leidigh Bridge in Monroe Township will be closed from June 13th until the end of September for a planned superstructure replacement project. The bridge's closure will require a detour of Leidigh Road that uses Creek Road and SR 74. A separate detour for trucks will be posted.

The replacement project was originally slated for the 2018 timeframe. The County decided to accelerate the schedule after a 27-ton weight limit posting for the bridge was approved in 2015 and generated considerable concern with local farmers and the South Middleton Municipal Authority who both depend on the bridge to support their respective operations. Constructed in 1954, Leidigh Bridge carries nearly 1,300 vehicles per day over the Yellow Breeches Creek and did not have a weight posting prior to the 2015 routine inspection.

The County Commissioners recently awarded the \$788,953 construction contract to Lobar Site Development from Dillsburg, PA. The replacement of Leidigh Bridge is part of the County's Bridge Capital Improvement Plan which details over \$14 million of bridge replacement or repair projects in the next 6 years. The primary funding source for the plan is the \$5.00 per vehicle registration fee that the County approved in early 2015. These fees will generate approximately \$1.1 million a year and allow the County to address critical bridge needs without increasing taxes. To generate this level of revenue without the \$5.00 registration fee, a 2.5% property tax increase each year for the next 6 years would need to be enacted.

The funds generated from the potential vehicle registration fee cannot be used for the County General Fund and are designated for roadways and bridges. For more information in Cumberland County's Bridge Improvement Plan visit the Planning Department's interactive bridge map tool at <https://www.ccpa.net/4239/Bridge-Capital-Improvement-Program>.

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