



SPOKANE COUNTY
NEWS Advisory

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**Emergency Weight Restrictions Tightened for
Old I-90 Bridge at Stateline**

SPOKANE, November 5, 2007 – Spokane County’s Engineering and Roads Department has tightened emergency weight restrictions on the old I-90 bridge at Appleway Road over the Spokane River (Exit 299, just west of Stateline Village, Idaho). Emergency weight restrictions were imposed earlier this year, after cracks were seen in the hinges that hold the bridge together. The County Engineer sought funding to replace the bridge and in August, the Federal Highways Department and the State of Washington approved \$14.0 million to be used in an 80/20 split with Spokane County. The county’s share will be \$3.5 million, bringing the total cost of the project to an estimated \$17.5 million.

Beginning Wednesday, November 7th signs will be posted that the bridge is restricted to heavy vehicles with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) exceeding 10,000 pounds. These weight restrictions will continue until a new bridge is constructed, which could take approximately 3.5 years to complete.

According to Spokane County Bridge Engineer Neil Carroll, the bridge was built in 1939 and is at the end of its service life. “The primary reason for the weight restrictions is general deterioration of the steel hanger assemblies from water and rust. We want to preserve the existing bridge by limiting loads until a replacement is built,” Carroll said.

For more information, please contact Bridge Engineer Neil Carroll at (509) 477-7452 or visit the county website at www.spokanecounty.org/engineer.

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