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CENTERTON BRIDGE REOPENS AFTER EXTENSIVE REPAIR WORK

Span Over Rancocas Creek Opens One Week Early Following 4-Month Closing

The Burlington County Engineering Department today announced the reopening of the Centerton Bridge approximately one week ahead of schedule after it closed March 26 for repairs.

The 107-year-old bridge over the Rancocas Creek connecting Mount Laurel to Willingboro and Westampton was scheduled to remain closed until July 30 to complete extensive repairs.

Repairs originally commenced on March 26, 2010, and focused on decking, guiderail, and the opening mechanism. The Highway Department, which performed the work, subsequently discovered additional steel deck panels that were in "marginal condition," along with additional deterioration in the support structure. The engineer's recommendation was to extend the closure in order to replace the panels and make repairs to the additional structural members.

Freeholder Deputy Director Joseph B. Donnelly said the advantage of extending the closure would be to reduce the amount of time that the bridge will need to be closed in the future to perform other required maintenance.

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“We’ve reviewed our options and concluded that we would rather methodically complete all the work that needs to be done, and have a comfort level that it is as safe as it can possibly be,” Donnelly said at that time.

The center swing-span bridge was built in 1903 by N.J. Bridge Company of Manasquan.

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