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Bridge Weight Restriction Postings

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has completed routine structure inspections for three structures in the City. The inspection reports for these locations show that the structures have devolved to a point that will require specific weight restrictions for each of the structures to reduce accelerated deterioration. The inspections require the following locations to be posted with the listed weight restrictions:

- Alpine Road over the north branch of Keith Creek, north of East State Street
 - Single Unit Vehicles: 18 tons
 - Combinations 3 or 4 Axles: 23 tons
 - 5 or More Axles: 29 tons

- Alpine Road over the south branch of Keith Creek, south of East State Street
 - Single Unit Vehicles: 14 tons
 - Combinations 3 or 4 Axles: 19 tons
 - 5 or More Axles: 23 tons

- North 3rd Street over the southbound ramp to North 6th Street
 - Single Unit Vehicles: 20 tons
 - Combinations 3 or 4 Axles: 24 tons
 - 5 or More Axles: 26 tons

The Department of Public Works is currently strategizing to replace or repair these structures, and IDOT will continue its routine inspections. The IDOT and Winnebago County oversized and overweight vehicle permitting offices are aware of these postings and will be detouring truck traffic elsewhere over appropriate routes. Signs will be posted at the structures and in advance of the structures to warn drivers of the restrictions

next week. Additional signage along Alpine Road will be posted to detour truck traffic to alternate routes.

Emergency vehicle and truck operators who use these truck routes should be aware of the axle loads that their vehicles carry and be knowledgeable of alternate routes before venturing to their destination. Oversize and overweight vehicles shall obtain a permit before travelling on the roadways and work closely with the IDOT and County permitting offices to develop a travel plan that does not include these locations.

Questions regarding the weight restriction postings should be directed to Matthew Vitner, City Engineer, at the Public Works Department.

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