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### *Bridge Weight Restriction Posting*

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has completed a routine structure inspection for the bridge at South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street over the Union Pacific Railroad. The inspection report shows that the structure has deteriorated to a point that will require further weight restrictions to reduce accelerated depreciation. Prior to the inspection, the bridge had a load posting of 12 tons. This latest inspection requires the structure to be posted with the following weight restriction:

- **WEIGHT LIMIT: 5 TONS**

The structure is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. The Department of Public Works is currently developing traffic routing options as the Railroad strategizes its plan for addressing the structure's deficiencies. A special inspection will be performed once a month until the structure is repaired or replaced. The previous weight restriction signs at the structure will be updated to warn drivers of the new restriction.

Emergency vehicle, bus and truck operators who use this truck route should be aware of the axle loads that their vehicles carry and be knowledgeable of alternate routes before venturing to their destination. School buses are not recommended to use this structure. 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 posting should be directed to Matthew Vitner, City Engineer, at the Public Works Department.

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