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**DIETZ ROAD BRIDGE TO CLOSE TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The Ingham County Road Department is advising the public that the Dietz Road Bridge over the Red Cedar River between Grand River Avenue (M-43) and Rowley Road in Locke Township will be closed beginning Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. As a result of recent in-depth inspections and load analysis, the Road Department has decided that closing the bridge to motor vehicle traffic is warranted, while pedestrian and bicycle traffic will still be allowed across the bridge. The detour for this closure will be Dietz Road to M-43 to M-52 to Rowley Road to Dietz Road.

The Road Department applied for Local Bridge Program funding (a state and federal funded program) last year to replace this bridge. However, since statewide bridge replacement needs far outweigh available funding, the Dietz Road Bridge has not yet been selected for replacement. The Road Department will continue to seek replacement funding, but must keep the bridge closed in the meantime until it can be replaced. Due to declining revenue and significantly increasing costs over the past several years, the Road Department lacks sufficient budget to replace this bridge without Local Bridge Program funding.

The Ingham County Road Department is responsible for the repair, maintenance, and traffic safety of 1,253 miles of roads within Ingham County.

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