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November 20, 2018

Mr. Anthony Scarpelli
Chief of Police
Skokie Police Department
7300 Niles Center Road
Skokie, IL 60077

Dear Chief Scarpelli:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that due to recent damage to the bridge carrying Church Street over Interstate Route 94 (Edens Expressway) in the Village of Skokie, Cook County, the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) will be required to impose weight restrictions on this structure. Signage will be erected in the near future informing motorists that the weight restriction on this bridge is 12 Tons per Axle/41 Tons Gross (Legal Loads Only). Attached for your information is a map that identifies the location of this structure and a detail illustrating the configuration of the signs to be erected. We believe it is important to keep you apprised of these changes so that you are aware of the situation should you receive questions from the general public.

The load restriction is the result of recent accident which caused damage to the structure. The newly calculated capacity is based on the condition of the structure with permanent repairs to take place in the near future. This weight restriction does not imply that the existing structure is unsafe; rather the load restriction is intended to minimize the stresses on structure until such time as corrective measures can be taken.

Due to the fact that Church Street over Interstate Route 94 (Edens Expressway) is not a designated truck route in this area, the Department will not be posting a truck route detour. We will instead post the 12 Tons per Axle/41 Tons Gross Weight Restriction at the bridge and at nearby intersections to inform trucks of the restriction prior to turning onto Church Street.

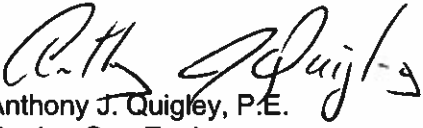
The repairs of the bridge carrying Church Street is not currently included in the Department's FY 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, we will initiate the necessary preliminary engineering and will include the structure in our priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. In the interim, the Department will continue to monitor the condition of the structure to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

It is important to the Department that this information reaches the appropriate local emergency response and law enforcement personnel. We request that the Village of Skokie officials forward this information on to the appropriate individuals to ensure that local authorities impacted by this bridge load posting are aware of the situation. The Department requests that any available local law enforcement forces, in addition to the Illinois State Police, provide adequate surveillance to the bridge site in order to ensure compliance with the posted weight limit.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or
Tavis Farmer, Area Programmer, at (847) 705-4075.

Very truly yours,


Anthony J. Quigley, P.E.
Region One Engineer

Attachment

ILLINOIS STANDARD R12-I108



Black on white (retroreflective)

0.625" border

0.375" margin

1.5" corner radius

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Tons per axle and tons gross as specified.

NOTE: This sign is similar to the national standard R12-4 with the second line modified by elimination of the "PER" to shorten the line to better fit the sign with the two digit number. Also, note that the first line on the national standard is not drawn to scale.



WEIGHT LIMIT

Church Street over Interstate Route 94 (Edens Expressway)

Structure Number: 016-0825

