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Weight Restrictions Updated for Grosse Ile Canal Bridges

Motorists traveling on East River and Swan Drive bridges will now need to adhere to new restrictions

GROSSE ILE – After completing a detail inspection, the weight restrictions for both East River and Swan Island bridges have been updated. East River Bridge (East River Road over the North Hickory Canal) will now support 18 tons while Swan Drive Bridge (over Swan Channel on Swan Drive) will support 10 tons.

Support beams are scheduled to be installed beginning tomorrow, December 20 on the Swan Drive Bridge and will take approximately two weeks to complete. This process will increase the bridge's load carrying capacity to approximately 33 tons. This work will be completed while the bridge remains open.

On Wednesday, December 20, informational signs will be posted on the Swan Drive Bridge and East River Bridge to alert motorists of the new weight restrictions.

For East River: Vehicles and trucks exceeding 18 tons are instructed to travel in the east (Northbound) lane of the bridge. These vehicles are also instructed to travel no more than five miles per hour across the bridge.

For Swan Island: Trucks exceeding 10 tons will not be allowed to cross the bridge until the support beams are installed.

Inspections of the bridges will be conducted routinely. Motorists are cautioned to reduce speed when entering and exiting bridges.

The public can contact the Wayne County Roads Division at 888.ROAD CREW.

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