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## **Wayne County to Replace Waltz Road Bridge in Huron Township** *Replacement offers longer life span, more cost effective*

**DETROIT** –Waltz Road Bridge in Huron Township will be replaced after further analysis revealed additional work was needed, making replacement more cost effective than repairs. The County closed the ninety-three-year-old bridge on June 1 after an inspection found deterioration to bridge bearings. After further inspection, it was also determined that the bridge deck and steel supports were also in need of repair.

Following a review of repair and replacement options, the County decided replacement offers the longest life for the bridge while being cost effective. Replacement gives the bridge a 60 year life span at an estimated cost of \$5.4 million. Repairing the bridge would cost an estimated \$3.9 million.

The Roads Division will be issuing request for proposals for the replacement design and construction. The County will work with Huron Township officials during the design phase to coordinate with their downtown revitalization planning. Once construction begins, it is estimated that replacement will take approximately six months.

The bridge is expected to be open by the end of 2018. Pedestrians and bicyclists will have access to the current bridge until construction of the new bridge begins.

Department of Public Services representatives will attend a town hall meeting hosted by Commissioner Al Haidous on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall, located at 22950 Huron River Drive in New Boston to discuss the bridge replacement.

### **DETOURS:**

**Southbound:** Huron River Drive to Sibley Road, proceed eastbound on Sibley Road to South I-275 to South Huron Road heading west, then take South Huron Road to Waltz Road.

**Northbound:** Take Waltz Road to South Huron Road, proceed east to I-275 North, then take I-275 North to Sibley Road, and follow Sibley Road to Huron River Drive.

For updates and questions, the public can contact the Wayne County Roads Division at 888.ROAD CREW.

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