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40TH STREET BRIDGE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

PHILADELPHIA - Effective immediately, the 40th Street Bridge over Amtrak and Norfolk Southern Railroads will be closed to all vehicular traffic to maintain the structural integrity of the bridge, Streets Commissioner Clarena Tolson announced today. The closure is effective for the entire length of bridge, which runs from Westminister Avenue to Poplar Street. All vehicular traffic will be detoured to alternate travel routes until further notice. Pedestrians will be permitted to cross via a channeled walkway across the bridge.

The bridge will remain closed to all vehicular traffic until the completed construction of the replacement structure. Previously, there was a posting of a 3-ton weight limit and no trucks allowed regulations established for the bridge. Continued truck crossings of the bridge despite this posting exacerbated structural problems leading Streets Department Engineers to recommend closure of the structure to ensure safety of pedestrians and motorists.

The Streets Department regrets any inconvenience resulting from this closure. We would like to thank citizens in advance for their patience and cooperation. It is our goal to have the bridge opened as soon as possible.

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