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STREETS DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR SOUTH STREET BRIDGE

PHILADELPHIA - Effective January 22, 2007 the Streets Department will establish a 6-ton weight limit for vehicles using the South Street Bridge, Streets Commissioner Clarena I. W. Tolson announced today. All trucks, buses, and other heavy vehicles will be detoured to alternate travel routes until further notice. However, emergency vehicles, such as ambulances and fire equipment will be permitted.

The weight restriction will be effective for the entire length of bridge, which runs from 27th Street to Convention Avenue. The posting will remain in effect until the construction of the replacement structure.

Crews from the Streets Department's Traffic Engineering Division have posted permanent detour signs. Detours for local traffic will be posted as follows:

- From East: Take South Street to 22nd Street north to Walnut Street. Travel to 34th Street, make a left and follow South Street.
- From West: Take South Street to 33rd St. north to Chestnut Street. Travel to 23rd Street, make a right and follow South Street.

Notices will be posted on I-76 to alert trucks & busses to use alternate exits instead of the South Street Ramps. Detours for traffic traveling from the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) eastbound:

- From East: Take I-76 east to I-676 (Vine Street) east to 23rd Street to South Street
- From West: Take I-76 east to 30th Street Station exit to Market Street. Travel to 34th Street to South Street

Detours for traffic traveling from the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) westbound:

- From East: Take I-76 west to 30th Street Station exit to Chestnut Street. Travel to 23rd Street to South Street
- From West: Take I-76 west to 30th Street Station exit to Market Street. Travel to 34th Street to South Street.

SEPTA will reroute their Route 12 and 40 Buses Service to Walnut and Chestnut Streets.

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