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Cowlitz County Announces Updated Weight Restrictions for Bridges

In recent decades, the trucking industry has developed closely spaced, multi-axle, single-unit trucks that are typically used for hauling heavy loads for shorter distances. These types of trucks are known as SHV (Specialized Hauling Vehicle) trucks. Examples of SHV trucks include dump trucks, garbage trucks and heavy material haulers.

The closely spaced axles load bridges in a different manner than older truck configurations due to the close axle spacing. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) adopted models of Specialized Hauling Vehicle (SHV) trucks that must be included in new load ratings on bridges.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 18-090, updating weight restrictions for bridges maintained by Cowlitz County. A Public Notice of the resolution is included and will be published in The Daily News on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The Resolution specifies the updated load ratings for Allender Road Bridge, Allender Road Culvert, Cline Road Bridge, Goble Creek Bridge (located on Rose Valley Road), Modrow Road Bridge, Owl Creek Bridge (located on Old 99 South, north of Rose Valley Road), Pacific Avenue North Half-Bridge, Toutle River Bridge (located on Pacific Highway North, north of Castle Rock) and the Wren Loop Road Bridge.

For technical questions, please contact Chris Andrews, P.E., at andrewsc@co.cowlitz.wa.us or at (360) 577-3030 ext-6527. Comments and general questions can be submitted to Mark Koelsch, Cowlitz County Department of Public Works, 1600 13th Avenue South, Kelso, WA 98626, or koelschm@co.cowlitz.wa.us or 360-577-3030 ext-6543.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Cowlitz County, Washington 98626 adopted Resolution No. 18-090 on October 9, 2018 imposing weight limit restrictions on certain County owned bridges as recommended by Cowlitz County Department of Public Works and described for a period of ten (10) years from the effective date of this resolution.

Allender Road Bridge

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
Type 3	4 tons
Type 3S-2	5 tons
Type 3-3	8 tons
3 or less axles single unit vehicle	4 tons
4 axle single unit vehicle	3 tons
5 axle single unit vehicle	4 tons
6 axle single unit vehicle	4 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	4 tons

Allender Road Culvert 1

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
Type 3	12 tons
Type 3S-2	20 tons
Type 3-3	21 tons
3 or less axles single unit vehicle	12 tons
4 axle single unit vehicle	13 tons
5 axle single unit vehicle	15 tons
6 axle single unit vehicle	17 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	19 tons

Cline Road Bridge

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
Type 3	18 tons
Type 3S-2	22 tons
Type 3-3	29 tons
3 or less axles single unit vehicle	18 tons
4 axle single unit vehicle	19 tons
5 axle single unit vehicle	18 tons
6 axle single unit vehicle	19 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	20 tons

Goble Creek Bridge (located on Rose Valley Road)

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
6 axle single unit vehicle	31 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	35 tons

And to be posted for "ONE TRUCK AT A TIME ON BRIDGE"

Modrow Road Bridge

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
4 axle single unit vehicle	26 tons
5 axle single unit vehicle	30 tons
6 axle single unit vehicle	32 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	37 tons

Owl Creek Bridge (located on Old 99 South north of Rose Valley Road)

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
6 axle single unit vehicle	33 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	36 tons

Pacific Avenue North Half Bridge

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
Type 3	20 tons
Type 3S-2	32 tons

Toutle River Bridge (located on Pacific Highway North, north of Castle Rock)

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
6 axle single unit vehicle	34 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	35 tons
2 axle Emergency Vehicle	28 tons
3 axle Emergency Vehicle	31 tons

Wren Loop Road Bridge

<u>Truck Type</u>	<u>Weight Restriction</u>
Type 3	22 tons
Type 3S-2	32 tons
3 or less axles single unit vehicle	22 tons
4 axle single unit vehicle	19 tons
5 axle single unit vehicle	20 tons
6 axle single unit vehicle	21 tons
7 axle single unit vehicle	23 tons

Any person violating this restriction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, in accordance with RCW 36.75.270; and

These weight limit restrictions and penalization thereupon shall take effect once the above-stated bridges are posted.

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