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Lafourche Parish Government Posts New Weight Limit for Cote Blanche Bridge

In light of a recent structural survey of the Cote Blanche Bridge, Lafourche Parish Government is posting a three ton weight limit on the bridge until major repairs can be completed. This restriction is an emergency measure to insure public safety. Legislation shall be proposed to formalize the weight limit at the next Lafourche Parish Council. In the meantime, the Lafourche Parish School Board's Transportation department has been contacted and school bus drivers in the area are advised to use an alternate route.

The structural survey performed by Picciola and Associates, Inc. cited a number of elements of the bridge that require repair or replacement. In a report presented to the Lafourche Parish Council at its February 13 meeting, repairs to the bridge will cost approximately \$2.3 million. Officials with Lafourche Parish Government are reviewing the report and hope to establish a time frame for the repairs to be completed.

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