

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON

ORDER NO.

06-11-8-9

(IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING A TEMPORARY
(CLOSURE OF THE COYOTE CREEK COVERED BRIDGE
((STATE BRIDGE ID 39C409) LOCATED AT M.P. 0.1 ON
(BATTLE CREEK ROAD.

WHEREAS, The Coyote Covered Bridge at M.P. 0.1 on Battle Creek Road has been inspected on October 3, 2006 under an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) contract with OBEC Consulting Engineers (OBEC) in compliance with National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS); and

WHEREAS, said inspection revealed rotation (racking) of the covered bridge trusses in the upstream direction, and said inspection report recommended immediate closure of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2006 the bridge was closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic by the County under the authority of the Public Works Director; and

WHEREAS, ODOT on October 13, 2006 recommended that the bridge remain closed until the racking issues are resolved during the 2007 construction year; and

WHEREAS, the County's own engineering consultant, CH2M Hill, has subsequently inspected said bridge and has recommended the bridge remain closed until either repairs are made during the 2007 construction year, or a temporary strengthening of the end portals is installed before re-opening the bridge to traffic; and

WHEREAS, per by Lane Code 15.215, the Director of the Department of Public Works is delegated authority to impose temporary weight restrictions on roads or bridges under emergency conditions in the event of threat to public safety or extensive damage to public roads or bridges, and to have such action confirmed by Board action at the next public meeting of the Board; and

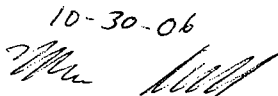
WHEREAS, based on a staff analysis of the CH2M Hill report, the County Engineer has determined that the temporary strengthening of end portals shall be made to improve the lateral capacity and stability of the bridge to natural wind and snow forces; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended that once temporary strengthening of end portals are made, that the bridge could be re-opened at a weight limit of 3 Tons under emergency conditions if area roads are flooded and a temporary opening best serves the citizens of Lane County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Director of Public Works decision to close the bridge is confirmed; **FURTHER ORDERED**, that the County Engineer's provide temporary strengthening improvements, and re-open the Coyote Covered Bridge at a weight limit of 3 Tons under emergency flooding conditions be authorized as shown on Exhibit A.

DATED this 8th day of November 2006.


Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

10-30-06


WEIGHT

LIMIT

3

TONS