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Residents and Homeowners using  
Woodwardia Ave. Vehicle Bridge  
Mount Hermon, California

To Whom It May Concern:

Late last year the Mount Hermon Association staff noticed that there was a deteriorating condition in some parts of the Woodwardia Bridge support structure. The Association hired consultants to perform a structural assessment of the bridge and provide a report with recommendations for repairs and/or replacement.

This Assessment Report has now been completed. It concluded that this bridge does not meet current bridge standards and may fail during an earthquake or from excessive loads. It recommended repairs be implemented as soon as possible to both the west and east ends of the bridge, and eventual replacement.

Our consultants developed plans to immediately repair the bridge, and prepared a full Assessment Report. These were submitted to the County for a construction permit. We received a permit and implemented the repairs on the east end and are awaiting the County permit for the west end.


In addition to these repairs, the County, after reviewing the Assessment Report, has directed the Association to do the following:

- Install an electronic gate to control access to the bridge
- Revise bridge warning signs
- Initiate a traffic study to improve the Mount Hermon Road entrance
- Develop plans to eventually replace the Woodwardia Bridge
- Formalize and increase our inspection program
- Close the bridge immediately after an earthquake and inspect for damage

Our first priority is the safety of the bridge users. We also must comply with the legal requirements of the County in the most economical ways possible. The funding mechanism for this work remains to be worked out. We do not have cost data as yet, but that will be developed as this program progresses.

We will hold a community meeting to answer questions about the above. This has been scheduled for Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Newton Memorial building, which is located at 30 Conference Drive across from the Field House parking.

Yours truly,

  
Alden Johanson  
Chief Operating Officer  
Mount Hermon Association