

## Minnehaha County Highway Department

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2016

TO: All Area News Directors/Interested Parties

FROM: Minnehaha County Highway Department

SUBJECT: For Immediate Release: Bridge/Road Opening

#### Press Release

Beginning on Monday, November 28, 2016, the Minnehaha County Highway Department began a short duration bridge improvement project on County Highway 103 (487<sup>th</sup> Avenue) approximately 0.4 mile north of County Highway 120 (253<sup>rd</sup> Street). The highway was closed at the structure and traffic was detoured. The work was being completed in lieu of posting the bridge for reduced load limits.

The repairs were anticipated to be complete and the road re-opened by the close of business on Monday, December 5, 2016. However, the work was completed and the road re-opened on Wednesday afternoon, November 30, 2016!

The repairs to the bridge included replacement of a girder that had deteriorated rapidly beyond repair. This abnormality was likely due to a material defect when the bridge was originally constructed in 1977. Replacement of the girder will allow the 39-year old bridge to remain in service for many years beyond the 50-year design life.

The work was completed by Prahm Construction Inc. of Slayton, MN.



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