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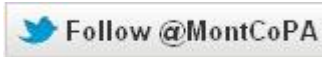
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Montco Continues To Rebuild Neglected Infrastructure

Norristown, PA (October 20, 2015) – Nearly four years ago over 50 of the 131 bridges owned by Montgomery County were listed as structurally deficient bridges, and not much was being done to whittle down that number. Only seven structurally deficient bridges were in design or under construction when the current administration came into office. Today there are 31 bridges in the process of being replaced or upgraded.

The concerted effort to reduce the number of structurally deficient bridges continued last week when the Montgomery County commissioners awarded six contracts for engineering services on six bridges that need to be replaced.

“The deteriorating bridges had mostly been ignored for years,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the commissioners, “but we have made it a priority to reduce the number of structurally deficient bridges, and we are making great progress in doing so.” Shapiro said 17 bridge projects were expected to be completed in the next year.

The contracts for engineering were awarded for the following six bridges:

- Morris Avenue bridge over Mill Creek in Lower Merion Township
- Bergey’s Mill Road bridge over the east branch of the Perkiomen Creek in Lower Salford Township
- Paper Mill Road bridge over the Perkiomen Creek in Douglass Township
- Rittenhouse Road bridge over Skippack Creek in Towamencin Township
- Old Reading Pike bridge over Yeager’s Creek in West Pottsgrove Township
- Deep Creek Road bridge over Deep Creek in Hanover Township

The engineering contracts awarded totaled more than \$930,000.