Manistee County Road Commission

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Media Release
Coates Highway over Big Manistee River (Red Bridge)
Bridge Replacement in Manistee County
March 8, 2018

The Manistee County Road Commission (MCRC) has announced that construction will begin for the replacement of the Coates Highway over the Big Manistee River (Red Bridge) bridge in Dickson Township beginning on or about April 2, 2018 and the project is expected to be completed by September 28, 2018. Coates Highway and the bridge are scheduled to be back open to traffic on or before August 24, 2018.

According to Mark Sohlden, Road Commission Manager, the scope of construction work will include the total removal of the existing 190' long four (4) span bridge and replacement with a new bridge and related road approach reconstruction work, guardrail and pavement markings. The new bridge will consist of a three (3) span concrete bridge with a total length of 212'.

The construction project will be funded with State Local Bridge funds (95%), and MCRC local funds (5%) and the project low bid of $1,491,541.35 was submitted by Milbocker and Sons, Inc. of Allegan, Michigan to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in Lansing on December 1, 2017. The MCRC funds also pay for the design engineering services and construction engineering services (construction inspection and contract administration) for the project.

According to Sohlden, the bridge and bridge site will be totally closed during construction and thru traffic will be detoured via a detour route with signage and portions of Coates Highway, High Bridge Road, and Warfield Road will be used as the detour route. Refer to the attached Traffic Detour Plan.

Access to local recreational areas including but not limited to the United States Forest Service Red Bridge River Access Site will be maintained at all times.

Recreational use of portions of the Big Manistee River for boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. at the bridge site will also be maintained during the bridge replacement project, however Sohlden advises that people use caution when they are in the vicinity of the bridge construction work.

The Contractor will be installing caution signs upstream and downstream of the bridge construction site and at the Red Bridge River Access Site to inform people that portions of the river will be closed during the bridge construction work.

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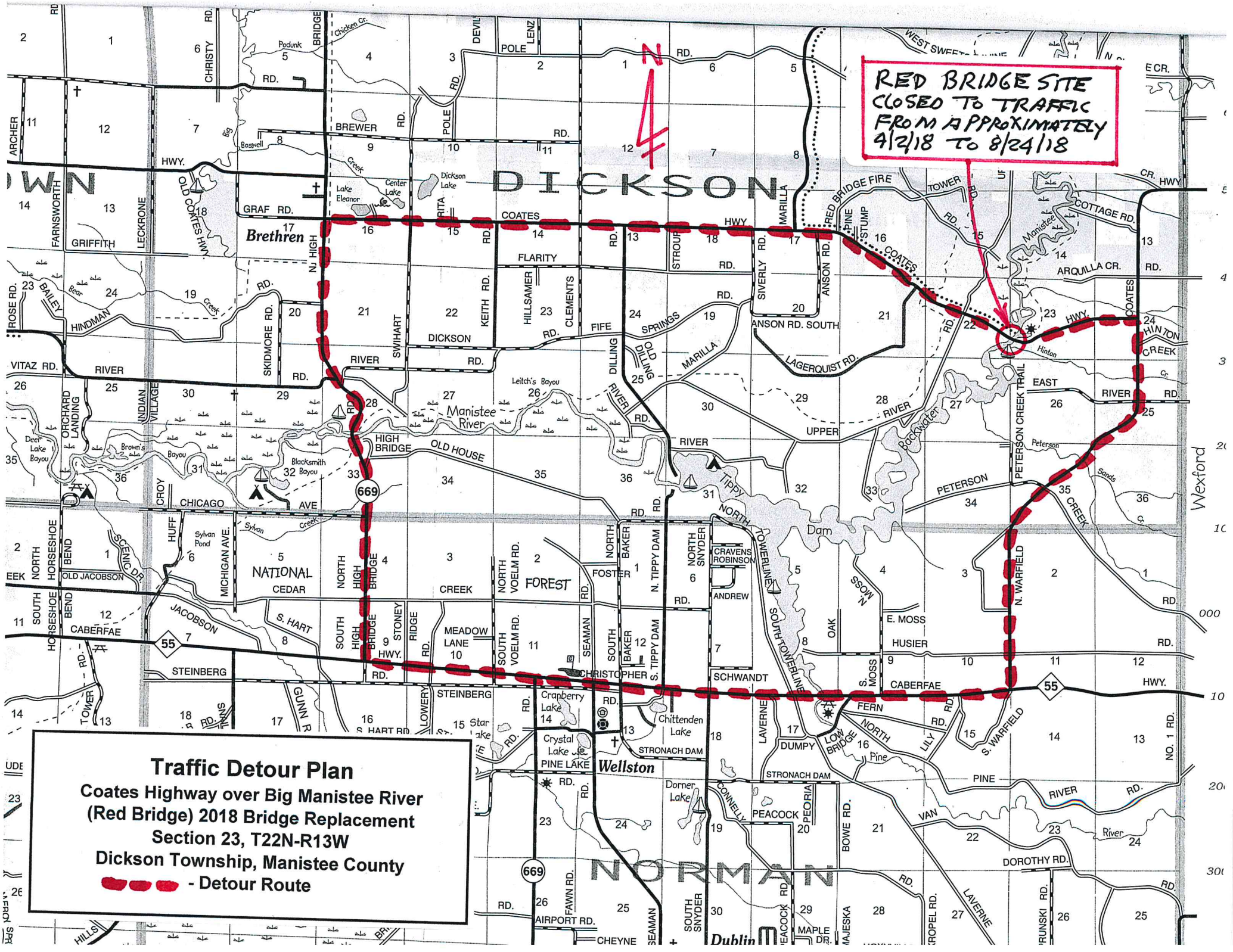
Sohlden asks for cooperation and patience from the traveling public and recreational users of the Big Manistee River during this key bridge replacement project and said to contact the Manistee County Road Commission at telephone number 231.889.0000 if you have any questions regarding the project.


RED BRIDGE SITE
CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
FROM APPROXIMATELY
4/2/18 TO 8/24/18
Traffic Detour Plan
Coates Highway over Big Manistee River
(Red Bridge) 2018 Bridge Replacement
Section 23, T22N-R13W
Dickson Township, Manistee County
- Detour Route
DICKSON
NORMAN
Wexford
Brethren
Wellston
Dublin
COATES HWY.
RED BRIDGE FIRE TOWER RD.
COTTAGE RD.
ARQUILLA CR. RD.
HINTON CREEK
EAST RIVER RD.
PETERSON CREEK TRAIL
PETERSON
HIGH BRIDGE
OLD HOUSE
CHICAGO AVE
669
55
NATIONAL FOREST
CEDAR CREEK
JACOBSON
CABERFAE
STEINBERG
HUSIER
SCHWANDT
CHRISTOPHER
STRONACH DAM
PINE LAKE
PINE RIVER
DOROTHY RD.
AIRPORT RD.
CHEYNE
MAPLE DR.
Manistee River
Big Boswell Creek
Chicken Cr.
Podunk
Dickson Lake
Lake Eleanor
Center Lake
Leitch's Bayou
Brown's Bayou
Blacksmith Bayou
Deer Lake Bayou
Sylvan Creek
Sylvan Pond
Cranberry Lake
Crystal Lake
Chittenden Lake
Dorner Lake
Star Lake
Backwater
Tippy Dam
Hinton
Peterson
Sands Cr.
Pine River
River
BREWER RD.
POLE LINE RD.
GRAF RD.
FLARITY RD.
DICKSON RD.
RIVER RD.
SPRINGS RD.
ANSON RD. SOUTH
LAGERQUIST RD.
OLD DILLING
MARILLA
SIVERLY RD.
ANSON RD.
STROUP RD.
RED BRIDGE FIRE TOWER RD.
PINE STUMP
COATES
HIGH BRIDGE RD.
SKIDMORE RD.
SWIHART
KEITH RD.
HILLSAMER
CLEMENTS
DILLING
FIFE
RITA
DEVIL
LENZ
BRIDGE
CHRISTY RD.
ARCHER
FARNSWORTH
GRIFFITH
LECKRONE
OLD COATES HWY.
BAILEY
HINDMAN
ROSE RD.
VITAZ RD.
ORCHARD LANDING
INDIAN VILLAGE
CROY
HUFF
MICHIGAN AVE.
OLD JACOBSON
SCENIC DR.
NORTH HORSESHOE BEND
SOUTH HORSESHOE BEND
TOWER RD.
S. HART
GUNN RD.
STONEY RIDGE
MEADOW LANE
LOWERY
SEAMAN
NORTH VOELM RD.
SOUTH VOELM RD.
NORTH BAKER
SOUTH BAKER
FOSTER
N. TIPPY DAM
S. TIPPY DAM
NORTH SNYDER
SOUTH SNYDER
CRAVENS ROBINSON
ANDREW
TOWERLINE
SOUTH TOWERLINE
OAK
E. MOSS
S. MOSS
N. WARFIELD
S. WARFIELD
LAVERNE
DUMPY
LOW BRIDGE
NORTH LILY
FERN
CONNELLY
PEACOCK
PEORIA
BOWE RD.
VAN
LAVERNE
KROPEL RD.
MAJESKA
PRUNSKI RD.
NO. 1 RD.
FAWN RD.
HILLS