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### **Lowry Avenue Bridge closed for inspection Feb. 28**

The Lowry Avenue Bridge will be closed for inspection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Engineers will be inspecting the bearing assemblies replaced during the repair of Pier No. 3 in 2005.

The Hennepin County Transportation Department conducts its own in-service bridge safety inspections for the 140 bridges in the county system. The Lowry Avenue Bridge has been inspected on a monthly basis since 2005.

The Lowry Avenue Bridge carries Hennepin County State Aid Highway 153 over the Mississippi River between North and Northeast Minneapolis. The bridge was built in 1905 and remodeled in 1958. The County Board of Commissioners approved the Lowry Avenue Bridge replacement project as its No. 1 state bonding request last June. A federal funding request also will also be submitted to the federal government. The project was awarded \$2.5 million from the state in 2006 for design planning.

Construction of a replacement for the current Lowry Avenue Bridge is anticipated to begin in fall 2009, with completion in November 2011.

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More information on the Lowry Avenue Bridge Replacement Project can be found at [www.Lowryavenuebridge.com](http://www.Lowryavenuebridge.com).

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