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SUBJECT: Aerial Lift Bridge to be limited to one lane of traffic during an inspection next week

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[Duluth, MN] The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will be inspecting a portion of the Aerial Lift Bridge on Monday, September 20 and Tuesday, September 21. The inspection is routine and is done every two years to meet state and federal compliance checks. In order for MnDOT to conduct the inspection, the bridge will drop to one lane of traffic, and the sidewalk on the side of the bridge that is being inspected will be closed.

One-way traffic direction will be controlled by the traffic lights on the bridge. The sidewalk opposite of where the inspection is taking place will be open for pedestrian traffic.

A large inspection truck and a large boom lift will be moving throughout the bridge during the inspection. Inspectors could be walking on the portion of roadway that is closed.

“During the inspection, large pieces of equipment will be on the bridge,” Aerial Lift Bridge Supervisor David Campbell said. “Because inspectors will be walking in the portion of the roadway that is closed, we would like to ask for the public’s help in using caution while driving or walking on the bridge during this time, to ensure everyone’s safety.”

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