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### **Daniels orders I-64 Sherman-Minton Bridge closed**

**INDIANAPOLIS (September 9, 2011)** – Governor Mitch Daniels tonight ordered the immediate closure of the Sherman-Minton Bridge between Indiana and Kentucky near Louisville.

Indiana and Kentucky transportation officials were informed today of the discovery of a concerning crack in the critical load-carrying element of the bridge on Thursday. Structural engineers from the state and private sectors, as well as from engineering universities, recommended closing the bridge today after examining Thursday's data. Experts have been at the bridge in past weeks performing ongoing maintenance and detailed inspections.

After consultation with Indiana and Kentucky transportation officials and the Federal Highway Administration, Daniels decided to close the bridge immediately.

The closure is indefinite pending further notice. Further examinations of the structure will take place in the coming days.

Traffic is being detoured over I-265 and I-65. The Indiana Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Federal Highway Administration, will strive to keep the public informed as it develops a traffic plan for the coming work week and as more information becomes available.

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