



EDWARD FITZGERALD
Cuyahoga County Executive

Executive Order No. EO2012-0002

Implementation of Postings of Structures on Bluestone Road (C-0058 in Cleveland Heights/South Euclid), Boston Road (C-0774 in Broadview Heights/Medina County), Bradley Road (C-0544 in Westlake), Fitch Road (C-0223 in North Olmsted), Pleasant Valley Road (Bridge 0968 in Independence/Valley View), and Lindberg Road (C-0093 in Olmsted Falls).

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.42 provides:

The board of county commissioners together with the county engineer or an engineer to be selected by the board, or the director of transportation, may ascertain the safe carrying capacity of the bridges on roads or highways under their jurisdiction. Where the safe carrying capacity of any such bridge is ascertained and found to be less than the load limit prescribed by sections 5577.01 to 5577.12 of the Revised Code, warning notice shall be conspicuously posted near each end of the bridge. The notice shall caution all persons against driving on the bridge a loaded conveyance of greater weight than the bridge's carrying capacity; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5577.071 provides that a county may reduce the maximum load on a bridge as follows:

(A) When deterioration renders any bridge or section of a bridge in a county insufficient to bear the traffic thereon, or when the bridge or section of a bridge would be damaged or destroyed by heavy traffic, the board of county commissioners may reduce the maximum weight of vehicle and load, or the maximum speed, or both, for motor vehicles, as prescribed by law, and prescribe whatever reduction the condition of the bridge or section of the bridge justifies. This section does not apply to bridges on state highways.

(B) A schedule of any reductions made pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be filed, for the information of the public, in the office of the board of county commissioners in each county in which the

schedule is operative. A board of county commissioners that makes a reduction pursuant to division (A) of this section shall, at least one day before a reduction becomes effective, cause to be placed and retained on any bridge on which a reduction is made, at both ends of the bridge, during the period of a reduced limitation of weight, speed, or both, signs of substantial construction conspicuously indicating the limitations of weight or speed or both which are permitted on the bridge and the date on which these limitations go into effect. No person shall operate upon any such bridge a motor vehicle whose maximum weight or speed is in excess of the limitations prescribed. The cost of purchasing and erecting the signs provided for in this division shall be paid from any fund for the maintenance and repair of bridges and culverts; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works has determined that the Operating Rating of the Bluestone Road (C-0058 in Cleveland Heights/South Euclid), Boston Road (C-0774 in Broadview Heights/Medina County), Bradley Road (C-0544 in Westlake), Fitch Road (C-0223 in North Olmsted), Pleasant Valley Road (Bridge 0968 in Independence/Valley View) and Lindberg Road (C-0093 in Olmsted Falls) bridges is less than 100% of the Legal Load and that the structures cannot be strengthened immediately to a rating of 100% or above; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined, pursuant to the Bridge Inspection/Maintenance Department of Cuyahoga County and the Ohio Revised Code, that the carrying capacity of the above structures has been deemed to be less than the prescribed load limit; and,

WHEREAS, reducing the loads on these bridges is necessary for public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Law has determined that reducing the load on bridges is an administrative function that should be performed by the County Executive through an Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward FitzGerald, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Charter of Cuyahoga County and the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby order and direct that:

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Works shall reduce the operating load limits of Bluestone Road (C-0058 in Cleveland Heights/South Euclid), Boston Road (C-0774 in Broadview Heights/Medina County), Bradley Road (C-0544 in Westlake), Fitch Road (C-0223 in North Olmsted) and Lindberg Road (C-0093 in Olmsted Falls) to the limits recommended by the Department of Public Works as follows:

Structures to be Posted

Municipality

BLUESTONE ROAD C-0058

Cleveland Heights
South Euclid

TRUCK	TONNAGE	% LL =	75%
2F1 =	12 T		
3F1 =	13 T		
4F1 =	15 T		
5C1 =	22 T		

BOSTON ROAD C-0774

Broadview Heights
Medina County

TRUCK	TONNAGE	% LL =	60%
2F1 =	9 T		
3F1 =	15 T		
4F1 =	20 T		
5C1 =	26 T		

BRADLEY ROAD C-0544

Westlake

TRUCK	TONNAGE	% LL =	80%
2F1 =	16 T		
3F1 =	18 T		
4F1 =	22 T		
5C1 =	32 T		

FITCH ROAD C-0223

North Olmsted

TRUCK	TONNAGE	% LL =	90%
2F1 =	18 T		
3F1 =	24 T		
4F1 =	25 T		
5C1 =	36 T		

LINDBERG ROAD C-0093

Olmsted Falls

TRUCK	TONNAGE	% LL =	70%
2F1 =	10 T		
3F1 =	17 T		
4F1 =	18 T		
5C1 =	38 T		

Furthermore, the Department of Public Works shall reduce the operating load limit of the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge 0968 to 7000 Lbs. or less (Empty Weight), utilizing sign

R12-3, pursuant to Section 2B.49 of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD).

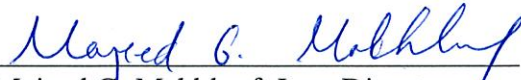
SECTION 2. The above schedule of reductions shall be made available to the public through the posting of this Executive Order on the County's web site. Furthermore, the original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed, as is the case with all other Executive Orders, with the Department of Law in the County Administration Building.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature, and shall remain in force until rescinded by me or any of my successors.

I signed this Executive Order on July 19, 2012, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Edward FitzGerald, County Executive

Approved,


Majeed G. Makhlouf, Law Director