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Lancaster County Engineer Opens Three Bridges in One Week With Canongate Road in Waverly Reopening Today

July 7, 2026, WAVERLY, Neb. – Lancaster County Engineer Pam Dingman will be at County Bridge H-253 TODAY, Tuesday, July 7th at 1:00 pm to mark completion of repairs on the bridge and the reopening of Canongate Road between Jamestown Street and Amberly Road in Waverly. This will be the third bridge to be reopened in the past week to include K-144 over Havelock Road which opened Tuesday June 30th, and F-181 which opened Monday July 6th.

County Bridge H-253 is part of a main route for students traveling to Waverly High School and Waverly Middle School from residential areas north of Highway 6 (Cornhusker Highway). In the interest of keeping roads clear for parents and student drivers, construction was scheduled to start after completion of the 2025-2026 Spring term and scheduled to be complete before beginning of the 2026-2027 Fall term.

Plans to complete repairs to the 44 year old bridge, which crosses over rail lines that run parallel to Highway 6, were started in 2024. In February 2026 repairs were estimated by project designer JEO Consulting Group to cost approximately \$482,000. Funding for the project was requested from the Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District. Lobato Construction LLC started construction June 1 and was able to coordinate with subcontractors and Lancaster County Engineering to complete the project for an estimated \$469,000, nearly a month ahead of the anticipated August 5th end date.

Repairs to H-253 included the repair of abutment walls which support the bridge deck, repairs to the end of the bridge deck where the structure meets the roadway, the construction of grade beams, and the addition of concrete approaches with concrete paving sections. Helical Piling was used for construction of the grade beams which help balance the overall load across the paving section leading to the bridge and the concrete approaches which connect the roadway to the bridge. Using the helical process helped speed up the pile driving operation for the beams, reduced potential damage to the existing support system, and decreased overall construction time.

Those interested in speaking with County Engineer Pamela Dingman about the bridge or the rehabilitation process are welcome to join Lancaster County Engineering at the opening at 1:00 pm on Tuesday afternoon.

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