

Bridge failure closes N. 3900 East in Jefferson County, S. 3rd West in Rigby

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RIGBY — The Burgess Canal bridge in Jefferson County is closed to the public due to safety concerns, according to Idaho Transportation Department officials.

A fractured girder is to blame for the closure. ITD bridge inspectors discovered the failure on March 16. The cause of the fracture is unknown at this time.

Specifically, a portion of N. 3900 East and S. 3rd West in Rigby is blocked off.

Traffic north of the bridge is being detoured along Centennial Lane to the U.S. Highway 20 business loop and Idaho 48, while traffic south of the bridge has been re-routed along 200 North to N. 3800 East and Idaho 48.

The county road will remain closed until the bridge is replaced.

County officials plan to replace the bridge and re-open the road sometime this summer.

The bridge was constructed in 1975 with a pre-built steel structure using local, state and federal funds. Officials intend to apply for an emergency bridge replacement grant from the federal government to fund the project.