



## STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP E - BULLETIN # 42

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**SUBJECT:** Hwy 41 Bridge Update

Information from Otter Tail County (OTC) as of this date is they anticipate the temporary re-opening of the Hwy 41 bridge to occur the week of 10/12/20.

This re-opening will be for "light traffic " only and will be for an indeterminate amount of time; based upon analysis & decisions yet to be finalized. The bridge is expected to be rebuilt sometime in 2021.

"Light traffic" is defined as single axel vehicles weighing less than 14 ton (28,000 lbs.) and semi-trucks with two axel trailers weighing less than 22 tons (44,000 lbs.). When more information becomes available we will communicate that to you.

We expect that at some point Hwy 41 will need to be closed again to all traffic. Heavy traffic will continue using the official detour of Hwy 35 to & from Dent. Some local traffic has detoured onto the township gravel roads of 380<sup>th</sup> and 390<sup>th</sup> Streets, and 280<sup>th</sup> Ave. .

SLT with OTC assistance has applied calcium chloride to approximately 3 miles of these roads for stabilization and dust control purposes. Additional applications of this in 2021, as well as other measures are under consideration.

Meanwhile the SLT Board is urging all residents to slow down to minimize dust and be courteous to the residents in the area. Additionally, the OTC Sheriff has increased patrols of these roads. Residents observing vehicles operating in an unsafe manner are urged to report such to the Sheriff (218-998-8555).

Respectfully, SLT Town Board