

Emergency

PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

Executive Department  
State of Minnesota

On November 17, 1970, Bridge No. 2796 (also known as the Tenth Avenue Bridge) on Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 36, Federal Aid Primary Route No. 59, in Minneapolis over the Mississippi River, was closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The closing of this bridge was necessitated by the deterioration of the sidewalks, railings, and substructure such that it presented a serious hazard to all vehicles and pedestrians using the bridge. All traffic has been rerouted by way of Bridge No. 9340 on Interstate Highway No. 35W, located 0.1 mile west of Bridge No. 2796.

Although the increased travel involved in using the temporary route is not great, the geometrics at the access points are such as to cause extreme congestion and accident potential. The resulting congestion has caused extensive loss in time to the road user, both commercial and passenger. Due to the proximity of the University of Minnesota West Bank campus and student housing on the adjacent sides of the river, this route serves large numbers of student pedestrians. Since the Interstate bridge on the bypass route was not designed for pedestrian traffic, it poses an extreme threat to the safety of those using it.

Together with the economic effect of added travel time for shippers in the area, an extreme economic hardship exists due to loss of business to several small business enterprises located on the bypassed route. These effects on the economy and safety of the area in the proximity of the closed bridge constitute an emergency under the terms of Section 125 of Title 23, U. S. Code, as amended by Section 109 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1970.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim an emergency to exist within the State of Minnesota as a result of the closing of Bridge No. 2796; that the immediate repair and reconstruction of this bridge is vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of the State of Minnesota; and that the Deputy Federal Highway Administrator is hereby requested to concur in the declaration of this emergency.

DONE at the Capitol in Minnesota

under the Great Seal of the State

this 9th day of March 1971.

Arlen J. Erdahl  
SECRETARY OF STATE

BY THE GOVERNOR Wendell R. Anderson

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