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To: Chattooga County Citizens

From: Andy Allen, Sole Commissioner, Chattooga County

Summary On **June 2, 2026**, the Georgia Department of Transportation bridge inspector, **Tim Edwards**, notified Chattooga County of an upcoming closure for the bridge crossing Mosteller Creek, **Bridge No. 055-0025-0**, located on Oak Hill Road west of Lyerly, GA. To ensure public safety, the county is preparing to close Oak Hill Road at this location beginning **June 16, 2026**.

Why is the road closing? The closure is necessary following the state inspection and the identification of structural concerns that require immediate attention. This bridge serves significant traffic from Alabama and the Menlo area, is used daily by many local workers and our agricultural community, and sits just a few hundred feet from Lyerly Elementary School. Public safety is our highest priority.

What to expect

- **Closure begins:** June 16, 2026.
- **Duration:** The county and state engineers are working together to evaluate the bridge and identify the best, most cost-effective, and quickest replacement or repair options. A timeline will be provided as plans are finalized.
- **Traffic impacts:** Motorists should expect detours and increased travel times in the area while the bridge is closed. Please follow posted detour signs and exercise caution near the work zone.

Next steps and communication: Chattooga County is actively working with GDOT and engineering teams to move this project forward as quickly and safely as possible. We will keep citizens informed with regular updates through the county website, social media channels, and local notices as more information becomes available.

Contacts for more information

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Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we address this important safety issue.

Andy Allen

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Allen', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and end.

Chattooga County Sole Commissioner

