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Trucks can no longer use Hammond Highway Bridge over 17th Street Canal *No heavy or wide loads; pickups, vans and cars OK*

The existing bridge can no longer handle the weight of big trucks or wide loads due to the progress of construction. This means no heavy trucks, and no wide loads. Pickups, vans and cars are OK.

Construction is replacing the existing bridge with a new 4-lane bridge, under a contract awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the East Jefferson Levee District, Orleans Levee District, Jefferson Parish and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Jefferson Parish has designated Lake Avenue as a temporary truck route until the new bridge is completed in late 2003. Lake Avenue can be reached from West Esplanade Avenue.

Please inform all truck drivers that enforcement of this limitation has begun.

The bridge connects New Orleans and Metairie at Bucktown on the Pontchartrain lakefront.