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Highway 31 bridge in Brookston to reopen Friday

Travel through Brookston is about to get a lot easier and smoother, following nearly \$2 million in investment to rebuild a key bridge and repave three miles of County State Aid Highway 31 that runs through town. A ribbon cutting to highlight the project's completion will take place Thursday, November 6, at 3 p.m. on the bridge, where CSAH 31 crosses the Stoney Brook River in Brookston. County leaders will join Brookston Mayor Bob Rabbers to speak about the success of the project and its impact on the community.

The bridge has been closed since July, and will re-open to traffic this Friday. The bridge had already been in need of repair when it sustained further damage in the June 2012 flood. The project's cost was funded by state flood bonds.

"This is an important bridge to the Brookston community and anyone passing through," said Commissioner Steve Raukar, who chairs the transportation committee and whose district includes Brookston. "The flood of 2012 devastated many areas in the southern part of our county. We are grateful to our state leaders for their work to provide us with flood funding dollars, and are proud to see yet another flood recovery project completed for the benefit of our citizens."

The new bridge was designed by LHB. Construction was managed by LHB and Erickson Engineering, with Northland Constructors serving as prime contractor. The rebuilding of CSAH 31 was done by Ulland Brothers.

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