

May 3, 2024

Mayor Jacque and City Council Members  
City of Dyersville  
Memorial Building  
340 1st Avenue East  
Dyersville, IA 52040

Subject: Repairs to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

I am writing to bring to your attention the current state of the 3rd Avenue Bridge and recommend a course of action to address its immediate needs.

As you may know, the 3rd Avenue Bridge is a vital transportation link for the city, connecting the east and west sides of the river. However, the bridge is showing signs of deterioration due to exposure to weather, traffic, and road salt. Recently, some concrete and rebar became exposed on the south side of the bridge.

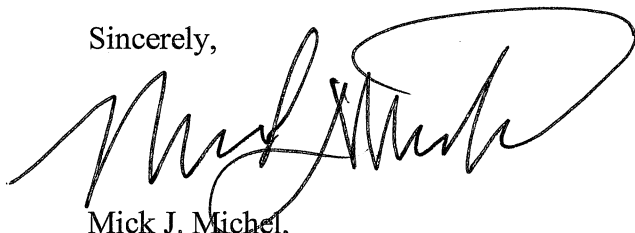
To address this issue, city staff proposes that the city council approve minor repair work, which involves removing the exposed rebar and concrete, improving the drainage system, and patching the concrete around the drains and the edge of the bridge. The repair work is estimated to cost \$25,400.

We believe that the repair work will extend the life of the bridge and improve its safety and appearance. However, it is important to note that this repair work will not address the bridge's long-term structural issues, which will require a major rehabilitation or replacement in the future.

Therefore, we also recommend that the council start planning for the bridge's future, consider rehabilitation or replacement options, and identify potential funding sources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Michel", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Mick J. Michel,  
City Administrator