

## POLICE SAY BRIDGE CLOSURE CAUSES TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

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Police say the closing of the Winfield Bridge is causing heavy traffic in the **Nitro** area.

**Nitro** Patrolman Ray Blake said the department was flooded with calls about traffic problems all day Thursday near the Pilot station and the Interstate 64 on and off ramps.

Blake said the bridge shut down caused the congestion.

The Ross Booth Memorial Bridge, more commonly known as the Winfield Bridge, was closed April 5 so crews can clean and paint the span, replace the deck and do truss repairs.

He said drivers who want to bypass the area could use Cross Lanes Drive as an alternate route.

Blake said that would increase traffic in Cross Lanes, but would help relieve some of the congestion around the Pilot station.

It is expected that the bridge work will be finished in August.