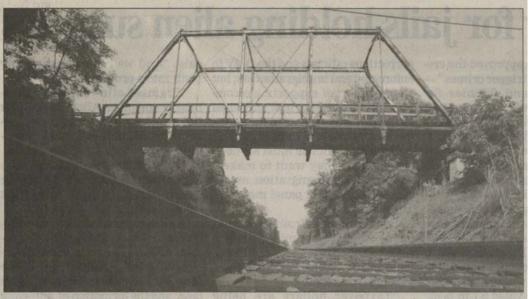
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The Virginia Department of Transportation closed the 125-year-old bridge connecting Aden Road in Nokesville due to advanced deterioration of the timber plank deck. The bridge reopened Tuesday.

ury-old bridge reopens

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The 125-year-old bridge on Aden Road reopened Tuesday afternoon after planks and fasteners had been replaced Historic Places structure.

Nick Roeper, believes it's safe to open," said Joan Mor-Virginia Department of under the bridge. Transportation.

2,000 vehicles a day used the opening. structure.

bridge because there were too striction, Morris said. That many rotted, old deck planks means no school buses or that moved up and down dump trucks. when cars traveled over

on the National Register of the bridge, Norfolk Southern, three months with informal replaced all of the severely inspections more frequently, "Our bridge inspector, worn and damaged deck she said. planks, Morris said.

ris, spokeswoman for the owns the two railroad lines between 11,000 and 12,000 in-

Before VDOT shut down joint inspection Tuesday just bridges and large culverts. the bridge on Aug. 30, about before it announced the re-

The bridge, built in 1882, is reached at 703-878-8065.

Inspectors closed the still under a 6-ton weight re-

VDOT will maintain a regular inspection schedule Since then, the owner of for the bridge - once every

VDOT employs about 100 Norfolk Southern also bridge inspectors to conduct spections a year. The agency VDOT performed a bridge maintains more than 20,000

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