

MEDIA STATEMENT

BRIDGE BEAM OF PEDESTRIAN OVERHEAD BRIDGE AT 49 BALESTIER ROAD REMOVED: BCA

22 Jul 2017 - On 21 July 2017 night, BCA was alerted to an incident where a trailer carrying an excavator collided into a pedestrian overhead bridge near 49 Balestier Road.

2. BCA engineers who responded to the incident found the bridge to be in a dangerous condition: the impact of the collision damaged the bridge, resulting in one end of the bridge beam being dislodged from the central support.

3. BCA directed the owner of the bridge to appoint a Professional Engineer (PE) to advise on immediate measures to remove the danger.

4. The PE appointed by the owner inspected the bridge and recommended to remove the entire pedestrian overhead bridge spanning across both sides of the road immediately. BCA concurred with the PE's recommendation and directed the owner of the bridge to carry out the immediate removal of the entire pedestrian overhead bridge.

5. The entire bridge beam has since been removed. The road in both directions was reopened to traffic this morning.

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