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## **Jefferson Street Bridge Closure Begins July 9 in Joliet**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a two-month full closure will take place on Jefferson Street bridge (eastbound U.S. 30) over the Des Plaines River, in Joliet, beginning, weather permitting, July 9. The closure is necessary to make structural steel repairs.

In order to complete the repairs, the structure that carries Jefferson Street over the Des Plaines River will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. A detour will direct eastbound U.S. 30 traffic to go south on Raynor Avenue (U.S. 52), east on McDonough Street (U.S. 52), and north on Chicago Street (Illinois 53) to meet back with U.S. 30. Marine traffic will not be impacted.

Jefferson Street bridge is expected to reopen to traffic in September 2018, weather permitting.

The bridge closure is the first of two stages of repairs on Jefferson Street bridge. An additional closure will be necessary early next year to complete mechanical repairs.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com)

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