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## **BRIDGE CLOSURE**

### **IL 161 over Shoal Creek Overflow East of Germantown**

Collinsville, Illinois – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the closure of IL 161 east of Germantown. An inspection of this structure discovered issues which will require immediate repairs to ensure the long-term operational safety of Shoal Creek Overflow structure. A marked detour will be implemented using IL 160, US 50, IL 127 and Slant Road to circumvent the closure.

Based upon the initial measurements and repair scope, we anticipate this structure to be closed until June 15th.

It is anticipated this closure will result in traffic delays. Travel times will be affected on most roads in the vicinity of this closure. Motorists are encouraged to consider alternate routes or allow additional travel time to utilize the detour. Advance dynamic message boards are being deployed to warn motorists in advance of this closure. The Department asks that motorists be patient, reduce speed, and exercise extreme caution when travelling the detour or anywhere near this closure.

Additional information is available at [www.stl-traffic.org](http://www.stl-traffic.org).

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