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Illinois 106/100 bridge at Florence closed *Barge strike early Thursday morning*

FLORENCE — The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that the bridge carrying Illinois 106/100 over the Illinois River at Florence is closed indefinitely because of a bridge hit.

Early Thursday morning, several barges were being towed on the river when some of them struck a portion of a pier. A couple of other barges then struck another section of the bridge. Some damage is visible, and a thorough inspection of the bridge will be conducted next week to determine the extent.

Because of this indefinite closure, a detour has been posted that utilizes Illinois 106, Illinois 100, Interstate 72 and U.S. 54.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

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