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## **IL 161 from Dutch Hollow Road to IL 159 in St. Clair County**

**Belleville** – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced that Illinois 161 will be restricted to one lane in each direction from Dutch Hollow Road to Illinois 159 in St. Clair County beginning Thursday, March 14, 2019, weather permitting. Flaggers will be utilized to maintain two-way traffic at all times. This work is necessary to complete pavement repairs. These restrictions are expected to be removed by the end of May 2019.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers 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.

For IDOT District 8 updates, follow us on Twitter at [@IDOTDistrict8](https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8) or view area construction details on IDOT's [traveler information map](https://www.idot.gov/traveler-information-map) on [GettingAroundIllinois.com](https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com).