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## PRESS RELEASE – FLOODING UPDATE #5

*As of 3/29/19 at 2:00 pm*

**Collinsville, Illinois** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces a new road closure due to flooding within District 8: **IL 3 between Chester and Grimsby, Randolph County, due to the flood gates being installed near Cora.**

The following continue to be closed: **BRUSSELS FERRY** (due to Calhoun County Highway 1 being flooded); **IL 100 from IL 3 to Ski Lift Road** in Grafton; **KASKASKIA STREET and IL 3 TRUCK BYPASS (WATER STREET)** in Chester; and **IL 96 from the junction of County Highway 2 to Crooked Creek Hollow Road near Mozier; Southbound traffic on US 67 at the Clark Bridge, near West Alton, continues to be shifted to the northbound lanes.**

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois. Based upon current hydrological forecasts, flooding has or may require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/home/Comm/emergency-road-closures> for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/>. For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, please follow us at [@IDOTDistrict8](https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8).

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