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## PRESS RELEASE – FLOODING UPDATE #15

*As of 5/2/19 at 11:00 am*

**Collinsville**– The Illinois Department of Transportation announces several NEW road closures: **SB US 67 in West Alton, Missouri** (two-way traffic will be established on the NB Lanes), **IL 3 between Rockwood and the Jackson County Line in Randolph County**, and **Kaskaskia Street in Chester**.

In addition, these road and facility closures continue due to the persistent flooding: **IL 3 Truck By-Pass (Water Street) in Chester, IL 155 outside of Prairie du Rocher, IL 100 through Grafton to Ski Lift Road, IL 96 from the junction of County Highway 2 to Crooked Creek Hollow Road near Mozier, and Brussels Ferry**.

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.

In the next 48 hours, we expect several additional closures: IL 96/100 junction in Calhoun County, IL 100 from Alton to north of Grafton, IL 100 from the Joe Page Bridge to Pike County, US 67 @ IL 100 in Alton, and IL 3 from Mary's River to Rockwood in Randolph County.

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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