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Interstate 55/64 Westbound Poplar Street Bridge

EAST ST. LOUIS – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced that westbound I-55/64 approaching the Poplar Street Bridge will be reduced to two lanes beginning this weekend. At approximately 7:00 AM on Saturday, October 26, 2019, crews will begin installing traffic control devices to close the two right lanes of westbound I-55/64 just west of the 3rd Street exit. These two right lanes will remain closed for approximately one month. During this time, the two left lanes will be open.

Marked detour routes will be in place for traffic accessing southbound Tudor/Piggott and southbound IL Route 3. The Main Street entrance ramp from East St. Louis to westbound I-55/64 will also be closed.

These closures are necessary to perform critical repairs to the badly deteriorated joints and wearing surfaces of the bridges in this area.

Extensive delays are expected at this location during weekday morning rush hours. Motorists are urged to plan accordingly and use alternate routes including the I-70 Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge, and drivers are also encouraged to seek alternate forms of transportation including carpooling and public transportation. Motorists are urged to slow down and obey all construction signage, refrain from using mobile devices, and stay alert for changing conditions while approaching and traveling through the work zone.

The contractor on this project is Keeley & Sons, Inc., of East St. Louis, Illinois.

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