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## **I-80 to close August 27** *Part of I-80 bridge project at Peru*

**OTTAWA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced they will close I-80 in both directions Thursday, August 27 at 8 p.m. between exit 75 (IL 251) and exit 79 (I-39.) This will require the closure of the ramps IL 351 also.

The closure is needed to remove the beams on the bridge carrying eastbound Interstate 80 over the Little Vermillion River. During the closure motorists can utilize IL 251, US 52, and I-39 as a detour. Signs, message boards, and flaggers will be in place to direct motorists.

This work is part of a larger project to repair or replace the I-80 bridges over the Little Vermillion River, East 3rd Road and Raccuglia Drive. Construction on westbound I-80 is expected to last until late fall, and work on eastbound I-80 will begin next spring.

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.

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