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## **Brandon Bridge over Des Plaines River in Joliet Closed to Traffic for Emergency Repairs**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that Brandon Road Bridge over the Des Plaines River, in Joliet, is closed for emergency repairs. The closure is necessary to replace a mechanical component on the bridge that failed yesterday evening.

Motorists should cross the river at McDonough Street via U.S. 6, U.S. 52/Illinois 53 and Laraway Road. Signage has been installed alerting drivers at U.S. 6 immediately north of the bridge, as well as near Larkin Avenue on U.S. 6. To the south of the Brandon Road Bridge advance signs have been placed at Woodruff Road, Patterson Road, and Laraway Road. IDOT is working to get all traffic detours in place.

The evaluation of the necessary repairs is ongoing. A more definitive timeline for when the bridge can reopen will be announced later.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click here to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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