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## **IDOT Addressing Interstate 290 Flooding**

**Chicago-** The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that maintenance crews today are performing a thorough inspection of the drainage system that serves the section of Interstate 290 (Eisenhower Expressway) that flooded Tuesday evening, requiring the expressway to be closed for several hours. The work will require some shoulder closures and potentially short, intermittent lane closures on the expressway near 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue until any problems with drainage in the area are identified and corrected.

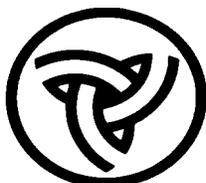
“The significant rainfall on Tuesday evening occurred over such a short period of time that, unfortunately, some drains and inlets on the Eisenhower Expressway weren't able to take in water fast enough,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider. “Safety is the top priority at the Illinois Department of Transportation. Crews will be out today checking the drainage system to determine what can be done to minimize the impact to traffic in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience.”

The heavy rainfall did cause some flooding on other state highways in the Chicago area, but those locations drained properly in a short period of time.

The area where the flooding occurred on I-290 is served by several inlets on the shoulders and median that feed directly into a main storm sewer line that flows underground into the Des Plaines River via a pumping station that is performing as designed. Since the flooding subsided early this morning, IDOT has been working to pinpoint where there might be a blockage.

For information on IDOT's District 1 visit [www.dot.state.il.us](http://www.dot.state.il.us). Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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