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PRESS RELEASE

Martin Luther King Bridge – St. Clair County

The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that road construction will continue on the Martin Luther King Bridge. The following schedule provides details for lane closures in the eastbound direction through next week, weather permitting:

Wednesday	June 24	Eastbound direction closed to traffic at 8:00 PM
Thursday	June 25	One Eastbound Lane re-opened to traffic by 6:00 AM
		Eastbound direction closed to traffic at 8:00 PM
Friday	June 26	One Eastbound Lane re-opened to traffic by 6:00 AM
Saturday	June 27	One Eastbound Lane remains open to traffic
Sunday	June 28	One Eastbound Lane remains open to traffic
Monday	June 29	Eastbound direction closed to traffic at 8:00 PM
Tuesday	June 30	One Eastbound Lane re-opened to traffic by 6:00 AM
		Eastbound direction closed to traffic at 8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 1	One Eastbound Lane re-opened to traffic by 6:00 AM
		Eastbound direction closed to traffic at 8:00 PM
Thursday	July 2	One Eastbound Lane re-opened to traffic by 6:00 AM
Friday	July 3	One Eastbound Lane remains open to traffic

These closures are required to install scaffolding in advance of the upcoming work which includes complete replacement of the steel grid deck, structural steel repairs and painting. Complete closure of the MLK bridge has been closely coordinated with MODOT's on-going work on the Poplar Street Bridge and is tentatively set for July 6, 2015 weather permitting, when MODOT anticipates re-opening the two westbound lanes of the Poplar Street Bridge. Once closed completely to traffic the MLK Bridge will remain closed through November 25, 2015 for this work.

A marked detour will be in place to guide motorists around this work zone. The Department asks that motorists be patient, reduce speed, watch for stopped traffic ahead and use additional caution when traveling near this work zone.

The contractor on this project is Keeley and Sons of E. St. Louis, IL. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Joe Gasaway, Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, at 618-346-3354.

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