State of Illinois
Bruce Rauner, Governor

Illinois Department of Transportation
Randall S. Blankenhorn, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 15, 2015

CONTACTS:
Lora Rensing 618-346-3116
Joseph G. Gasaway 618-346-3354

PRESS RELEASE

MLK Bridge and Westbound I-55/64 in St. Clair County

Location – Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge and Westbound I-55/64 in East St. Louis

The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced the reopening of the MLK Jr. Bridge over the Mississippi River in East St. Louis. The MLK bridge will be re-opened to traffic prior to the morning rush hour (by 6:00 AM) on Monday, December 21, 2015. Additionally, the ramp from St. Clair Avenue to westbound I-55/64 will be re-opened at the same time.

In preparation of the reopening, one lane of westbound I-55/64 will be closed between St. Clair Avenue and 3rd Street between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM beginning on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. This work should be completed by Friday, December 18, and is required to remove traffic control devices prior to reopening the MLK bridge.

After the bridge is reopened to traffic, there will be periodic temporary closures of the bridge over the next several months to complete minor work items and remove the contractor's scaffolding. Any additional closures will be limited to weekends and/or weekday off-peak traffic hours. The contractor on this project is Keeley and Sons of East St. Louis, IL. Joseph G. Gasaway is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation in the area. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact him at 618/346-3354.

For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, follow us at https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8.

76B03 12-15-15

Illinois Department of Transportation