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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. Due to work being completed sooner than expected, the MLK bridge will be re-opened to traffic prior to the afternoon rush hour (by 4:00 PM) on Friday, December 18, 2015. Additionally, the ramp from St. Clair Avenue to westbound I-55/64 will be re-opened at the same time.

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.

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