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## FLOODING UPDATE as of 12/29/15

Collinsville, Illinois – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the **opening** of the following roads: **Eldred-Hillview Road** in Greene County; **IL 143** east of I-55 and IL 4; **Old IL 158** and **WB I-64** near SAFB; **IL 159** north of IL 143. **US 40** at Silver Creek in Troy and **Marine/St Jacob Road** should be open by rush hour.

The following are **new** road closures due to continued flooding: **IL 100 Alton to Pearl** closed to through traffic; **IL 3** at IL 100 in Grafton; **IL 100/96** intersection; **IL 96 at Mozier**; **IL 161** in Mascoutah from SAFB gate to 6<sup>th</sup> Street; **Chester Bridge**; and **US 67** southbound into Missouri is closed at the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi (northbound is still open).

Roads **still closed** due to the major flooding within the area: Old **Alton–Edwardsville** Road in Edwardsville; **Chain of Rocks Road** between IL 111 and IL 157; **I-70** in both directions in Bond County between the 36 and 45 mile markers (Pocahontas to Greenville); **Brussels Ferry**; **IL 3 truck bypass** in Chester; **US 50** at Silver Creek between O’Fallon and Lebanon in St. Clair County; **US 67 southbound** in West Alton; **Chain of Rocks Road** between IL 157 and IL 111 in Madison County; **Kaskaskia Street** in Chester; and **IL 143** west of IL 255 in the Wood River-Edwardsville Area.

Several Levee Districts within District 8 have installed flood control gates. These efforts have closed **IL 3** near Cora; **IL 3** in East Alton, **IL 155** west of Ruma; and **Water St** in Dupo.

Within the next 36 hours, the River forecast indicates additional closures may be required at **US 67** near Broadway in Alton.

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois. Flooding has or will require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers as well as several creeks and streams. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department’s website, <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/home/Comm/emergency-road-closures> , for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/> . For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8>.



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