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FLOODING UPDATE as of 1/12/16

Collinsville, Illinois – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the **OPENING** of the following road: **IL 3 truck bypass** in Chester.

The only road still **CLOSED** due to the major flooding within the area is **US 67** southbound into Missouri is closed at the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi (northbound is still open).

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois. We will continue to 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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