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PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

****WESTBOUND I-55/64 LANE CLOSURE BEGINS MONDAY****

Location - Westbound I-55/64 Approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis

The Illinois Department of Transportation confirmed its plans to close one lane of westbound I-55/64 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis beginning after the morning rush hour on Monday, February 29, 2016, weather permitting.

Work will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 29th, and will temporarily close the left lane of westbound I-55/64 at this location to install pavement markings in preparation of the closure of the right lane later that day. The right lane will remain closed through November of 2016 at which time the next sequence of work will require that the left lane be closed and it will remain closed through the Spring of 2017 to complete this work. Throughout the duration of this work, one lane of traffic will be closed at all times leaving two lanes open for traffic. These lane closures are necessary to construct a new ramp that will connect eastbound traffic from the Martin Luther King Bridge to westbound I-55/64.

Additionally, intermittent closures of all westbound lanes of I-55/64 at this location are scheduled during overnight hours on Wednesday, March 2nd, between 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM. These closures will be limited to 15 minute periods each and are necessary to remove existing overhead sign structures associated with this project.

Extensive delays are expected at this location during weekday morning rush hours, and motorists are urged to plan accordingly and use alternate routes including the I-70 Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge or the Martin Luther King Bridge. Message boards will also be utilized to provide additional and current information.

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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