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IDOT Suspends Non-Emergency Roadwork to Improve Traffic Flow for Christmas and New Year’s Holiday

Agency Details Lane Closures to Aid Motorists’ Travel Plans

SPRINGFIELD - With thousands of motorists expected to travel on state roadways during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that non-emergency roadwork will be suspended where possible to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow. IDOT also provided advance notice of lane closures that will be in place during the Christmas and New Year’s holiday periods to aid motorists’ travel plans and boost safety.

Starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, IDOT will suspend all non-emergency roadwork for the Christmas holiday and open all lanes where possible through midnight Sunday, Dec. 28.

Then, starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, IDOT will suspend all non-emergency roadwork for the New Year’s holiday and open all lanes where possible through midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

Some construction zones will have lane closures in effect, depending on the projects. IDOT is urging motorists to slow down, obey posted speed limits and drive with caution through work zones. Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect wherever they are posted, even where no construction workers are present.

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Following are locations where permanent lane closures remain in place:

IDOT Highway District 1:

COOK COUNTY

IL 83 from Harrison Ave. to Western/Dixie Highway, going east & westbound, one lane open in each direction; Western Ave/Dixie Hwy from 145th St. to 149th St. – one lane open in each direction. (Posen, IL)

25th Avenue from St. Charles road to Lake Street in Bellwood and Melrose Park will be completely closed to traffic for long term construction. There is a posted detour for traffic to follow.

Willow Road from IL 43 (Waukegan Road) to I-94: 2 lanes in each direction will be open between IL.43 and Bracken Lane, one lane in each direction will be open between Bracken Lane and I-94.

DUPAGE COUNTY

IL Rte. 38 is permanent closures leaving one lane in each direction from Kirk Road to east of Kress Road in Geneva and West Chicago. (In Kane and DuPage Counties)

IL 59, between Diehl Road and North Aurora Road will be stage one for the winter – two lanes will be open in each direction utilizing the median as one lane.

East New York Street from Welsh Drive to Asbury Drive in Aurora – lane closure eastbound and westbound, one lane open in each direction.

KANE COUNTY

US 20 over McLean Blvd – traffic change on Interchange reconstruction in Elgin; two lanes open in each direction.

LAKE COUNTY

IL Rte. 131 (Green Bay Road) & Wadsworth Road is in stage three temporary configuration with temporary pavement markings.

Wilson Road, about one mile north of IL Rte. 120 is in stage one detour configuration, with one lane open in each direction.

IL 132 over Des Plaines River; Lane closures one lane closed in each direction over the River.



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Roberts Road and River Road – River Road is closed at Roberts Road – follow posted detour.

Mc HENRY COUNTY

None.

WILL COUNTY

Exchange Street closed (IL 394) detour posted.

IDOT Highway District 2:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

River Drive (Third Avenue) is closed between 19th Street and 23rd Street in Moline. Traffic is being detoured to the Seventh Avenue interchange with I-74 while the pavement on River Drive is being removed and replaced. The exit ramp from I-74 southbound has been opened, but the remainder of the interchange will remain closed until early summer 2015.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IL 2 from Harrison Avenue to Cedar Street in downtown Rockford. Traffic is restricted to one lane in each direction as the roadway is removed and replaced two lanes at a time. Lane closures will remain until November 2015.

IDOT Highway District 3:

GRUNDY COUNTY

Minooka Road Bridge CLOSED over I-80, Bridge Replacement, NO DETOUR POSTED

IROQUOIS COUNTY

I-57, MP 297, Bridge Deck Replacement, One lane closed in each direction

KANKAKEE COUNTY

I-57, MP 310, Bridge Replacement, One lane closed in each direction



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IDOT Highway District 4:

PEORIA COUNTY

Allen Road at the IL 6 interchange will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

IDOT Highway District 5:

MCLEAN COUNTY

Business 55 / Veterans Parkway over Interstate 74 southwest of Bloomington. North and south bound passing lanes are closed with barrier in place. A marked traffic pattern is in use.

VERMILION COUNTY

US 150 (Martin Luther King) between Oakwood and Interstate 74 over the Salt Fork Vermilion River next to Vermilion County Fairgrounds. US 150 will narrow down to one lane with barrier wall in place. Traffic signals will be in use to direct traffic.

IL 119 near Alvin, IL over the North Fork Vermilion River. IL 119 will narrow down to one lane with barrier wall in place. Traffic signals will be in use to direct traffic.

IDOT Highway District 6:

None.

IDOT Highway District 7:

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Interstate 57/70 around Effingham; major road reconstruction; stage construction with two lanes open in each direction on 57/70 and one lane open on 57 and on 70, concrete barriers in place.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CH 7 over Interstate 70 at the St. Elmo Interchange; bridge deck replacement; lane closure with concrete barrier, traffic signals and one lane open in each direction.



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MACON COUNTY

Interstate 72 Pride of the Prairie Rest Area; rest area parking lot reconstruction; westbound rest area closed, eastbound open.

WABASH COUNTY

Illinois Route 1 north of Mt. Carmel; bridge replacement; lane closure with concrete barrier, traffic signals and one lane open in each direction.

IDOT Highway District 8:

CLINTON COUNTY

IL Route 127 structure over the Kaskaskia River will be closed 2.5 miles south of Carlyle. The road closure is required to replace the structure over the Kaskaskia River and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2014. A marked detour route utilizing Slant Road and IL Route 161 will be in place.

MADISON COUNTY

IL-159 Collinsville will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Johnson Street and Mounds Avenue for pavement reconstruction.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

IL 13 under IL 15 near Belleville will be closed. Closure needed to construct new structures.

The IL 15 bridges over IL 13 near Belleville will have one lane closed in each direction of bridges. This lane restriction is needed to construct the new Eastbound IL 15 structure.

IDOT Highway District 9:

JACKSON COUNTY

IL 13, east edge of Murphysboro. Bridge construction. Traffic reduced to one lane eastbound and westbound utilizing crossovers.



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JOHNSON COUNTY

IL 146 at Grantsburg. Bridge construction down to one lane traffic controlled by temporary signals.

WHITE COUNTY

I-64, Milepost 123. Bridge repair. Traffic reduced to one lane eastbound and westbound.

I-64, Milepost 73 to 75. Road construction. Traffic reduced to one lane eastbound and westbound.

I-57, Milepost 95 to 97. Road construction. Traffic reduced to one lane northbound and southbound.

I-64, Milepost 73. Road construction. Eastbound ramp to northbound I-57 closed.

I-57, Milepost 96. Road construction. Southbound ramp to westbound I-64 closed.

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