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IDOT officials stress safety as motorists hit the roadways for the Fourth of July weekend

IDOT suspends lane closures to give motorists a break

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Gary Hannig today urged Illinois drivers to buckle up and stay sober as they get ready to hit the roadways for the Fourth of July weekend. Secretary Hannig also announced that IDOT will make sure roads are open wherever possible, but some projects will continue, resulting in lane closures over the holiday weekend. Motorists are advised to comply with the posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour while driving through a work zone at all times. IDOT is also working in conjunction with Illinois State Police to make sure drivers are staying sober. As families and friends come together to celebrate this holiday season, ISP patrols will target impaired drivers in an effort to save lives by preventing alcohol-related crashes.

“While we want everyone to enjoy their holiday weekend, we must put safety first and remind motorists to not drink and drive and to be conscious of work zones,” said IDOT Secretary Gary Hannig. “We will limit lane closures where possible to provide some relief to those travelling over the holiday weekend, but some areas will still have workers present, so please obey the posted speed limits and drive cautiously.

IDOT will suspend construction-related lane closures starting at 3 p.m. Friday, July 3 through Midnight, Sunday July 5.

Wherever a road is closed, a detour will be posted.

In some areas, there will be lane restrictions.

Due to the nature of some projects, there will be a number of work zones that will continue to have lane closures. Motorists are advised to slow down and be alert in those work zones, and are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect. Motorists are advised to check IDOT’s Web site www.gettingaroundillinois.com for information regarding road conditions and updates on road construction. IDOT Interstate road condition information is also available at 1-800-452-IDOT (4368).

The following areas will impact traffic over the holiday weekend:

Illinois Department of Transportation

Cook County:

Closure: Shick Road over west branch of Dupage River. Bridge Construction. Road closure with posted detour.

- Joliet Road over Flagg Creek. Bridge Construction. Barrier Wall placed both East & Westbound lanes. Eastbound consists of two lanes reduced to one. Westbound lanes consist of one through lane with existing lane to I-294. Lane shifts through this area
 - I-57 @ 103rd, 112th, 115th (Chicago) & 125th (Calumet Park). Bridge Reconstruction. Shoulder closures on I-57 & staged construction on bridges
 - 31st Street from Cicero Avenue to Kostner Avenue. Resurfacing & Bridge Construction. One lane open in each direction
 - I-90/94 from Hubbard's Cave to I-290. Reconstruction. Simultaneous closing and reconstruction of Jackson Blvd. Ramp, Adams St. Ramp and Monroe Ramp located on the eastbound side of the Kennedy Expressway. The Monroe Exit ramp located on the westbound side will permanently close at this time. Traffic to the Loop will be detoured to Madison St. and other adjacent open ramps within this corridor
 - IL-58 over Salt Creek. Bridge Work. One lane open in each direction
 - IL-21 from Willow Road to Sanders. Reconstruction & Bridge Work. One lane open in each direction
 - Main Street between North Main and State Street. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
 - 159th Street from Lexington to Fisk. Reconstruction. One lane closed northbound on Park Avenue
 - 159th Street over I-294 and I-80 Ramp to Northbound I-294. Bridge Work. One lane open in each direction on 159th Street over I-294
 - Bluff Avenue from Cossitt Avenue to Burlington Avenue. Reconstruction. One lane in each direction with detours posted
 - Lemont Road over the Des Plaines River & Willow Springs Road over the Des Plaines River & I&M Canal. Bridge & Roadway Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
 - State Street and 168th Street. Reconstruction. One lane in each direction
- Closure:** IL-47 from Cross Street to Bliss Road. Traffic signal modernization. Road closed with posted detour
- IL-171 interchange with I-55 and over West 47th Street to 55th Street. Bridge Construction. Stage Construction, multilane highway, one lane closed in each direction. Should expect delays due to high volume traffic

- Oak Park Avenue between 159th Street and 183rd Street. Reconstruction. Possible intermittent daytime lane closures
- IL-59 @ UP & BNSF Railroad, IL 38 and Kress Creek. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
- Sheridan Road from 10th Street to Isabella Street. Reconstruction. Southbound lanes are closed. Traffic was moved to the northbound lanes. One lane open in each direction
- IL-38 over Kress Creek. Bridge Construction. One lane open in each direction
- IL-43 (Harlem Avenue) over Stoney Creek. Bridge Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction with an alternate route posted

DuPage County:

- Addison Road from IL-64 to US 20. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction with left turn lanes
- Arlington Heights Road & Devon Avenue. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
- IL-53 over east branch of DuPage River. Bridge Construction. One lane open over the bridge with traffic signal switch to regulate traffic
- Thorndale Ave over Salt Creek. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
- 75th Street & Washington Street. Reconstruction & Bridge Work. One lane open in each direction

Kane County:

- US 20 (Lake Street) & Shales Parkway. Bridge Work & Resurfacing. One lane open in each direction
- IL-31 & Wing Street. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction
- IL-23 over Kishwaukee River. Bridge Construction. IL-23 is closed to any through traffic from US 14 in Harvard to IL-176 in Marengo with posted detour
- South Municipal Drive & Galena Boulevard. Reconstruction. One lane open in each direction

Lake County:

- Erick Street to Pingree Road. Resurfacing. One lane open in each direction

Closure: Shorewood Road between IL-83 & Rollins. Widening & Reconstruction. Road closed with detoured route posted

- US 41 & Skokie Highway over IL-132 Roadway. Bridge & Interchange reconstruction. One lane in each direction on US 41 over IL-132 and on IL-132 under US 41

- US 12 from Route 22 to June Terrace. Storm Sewer. Stage traffic control set up with a permanent lane closure. Two lanes of traffic are open in each direction
- Erick Street from a two-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with a bi-directional left turn lane from Crystal Lake Avenue to IL-176. Resurfacing. Intermittent lane closures
- Martin Luther King Drive from IL-31 to IL-137. Resurfacing. One lane open in each direction
- IL-53 from Lake Cook Road to US 12. Resurfacing. One lane open in each direction

Will County:

- IL-113 over Terry Creek. Bridge Construction. Traffic will be reduced to one lane with temporary signals. Motorists should expect delays
- IL-59 from US 52 (Jefferson Street) to Catan Farm Road. Traffic signals. Two lane highway with day-time lane closures from Catan Farm Road to US 52, traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers. Motorists should expect delays
- I-57 Manhattan-Monee Road entrance and exit ramps. Reconstruction. No lane closures expected on I-57 north and southbound, however, the right and left shoulders will be closed and lanes are reduced on Manhattan-Monee Road & northbound I-57 @ Manhattan-Monee Rd. & on southbound exit to Manhattan-Monee Road

Henry County:

- IL-81 east of Cambridge. Replacement of the culvert at County Highway 36. Restricts traffic to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals

JoDaviess County:

- US 20 near Devil's Ladder Road southeast of Galena. Replacement of a large culvert. Restricts traffic to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals
- IL-84 north of Hanover. Replacement of the bridge over Irish Hollow Creek. Restricts traffic to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals

Ogle County:

Closure: Ramp from westbound I-88 to northbound I-39 southeast of Rochelle is closed to reconstruct the ramp connection to I-39. Traffic is detoured through the interchange.

Rock Island County:

- I-74 from the Mississippi River bridge to IL 5 in Moline is restricted to one lane in each direction to complete bridge deck repairs to 10 structures and repair and resurface the 3 mile section of roadway.
- I-80 from the Mississippi River to I-88 is restricted to one lane in each direction using the eastbound lanes as the westbound lanes have been removed and new pavement will be constructed.

- I-80 over the Mississippi River is open to only one lane westbound and all eastbound traffic is detoured to I-280 due to emergency repairs needed to the structure.
- IL-92 (Centennial Expressway) from north of 7th Avenue to the Rock River in the City of Rock Island will be restricted to one lane in each direction as the bridges at the IL 92 interchanges with 7th Avenue, 18th Avenue and 31st Avenue are all replaced one half at a time.

Whiteside County:

- IL-84 one mile south of US 30. Replacement of the bridge over Cattail Creek restricts traffic to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals.

Closure: Moline Road at the Whiteside/Rock Island County line. The roadway is closed to all traffic to replace the bridge over the Meridosia Ditch. Traffic is using I-88 to go from Erie to Hillsdale.

Winnebago County:

- US 20 Bus route west of Meridian Road at the west edge of Rockford. Culvert replacement restricts traffic to one lane in each direction on BUS US 20.
- US 20 at the IL 251 interchange at the south edge of Rockford. Replacement of the bridge carrying US 20 over IL 251 restricts traffic on both routes to one lane in each direction.
- IL-75 at the Rock River Bridge at the south edge of Rockton. Repairs to the bridge restrict traffic to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals.
- IL-251 (Kishwaukee Street) in Rockford from Harrison Avenue to 15th Street. Removal and replacement of the roadway pavement has restricted traffic to one lane in each direction.

Bureau County:

- Interstate 80, between Illinois 40 and Henry Co Line, Work on multiple bridges, One lane open in each direction
- Interstate 80, between Illinois 89 and Illinois 251, Work on multiple bridges, one lane open in each direction

Closure: Illinois 40, Box culvert replacement, Road closed and detour route posted

Ford County:

- Illinois 9, just east of Illinois 115, Box culvert replacement, One lane open across culvert, controlled by signals

Closure: Illinois 115, between US 24 and Illinois 54, Four Bridge replacement projects, Road closed and detour route posted

Grundy County:

- Illinois 47 between Illinois 113 and Interstate 55, Three Bridge Replacement projects, one lane open across each bridge, controlled by signals

LaSalle County:

- Interstate 39, just north of Illinois 18, Bridge painting, one lane open in each direction

Closure: Illinois 251 bridge over the Illinois River, Bridge painting, Road closed and detour route posted

- Illinois 17 near the LaSalle / Livingston County Line, Box culvert replacement, one lane open across culvert, controlled by signals

Closure: US 34, west of Mendota, Two Box culvert replacement projects, Road closed and detour route posted

Iroquois County:

- US 45 between Buckley and Loda, Bridge replacement, one lane open across bridge, controlled by signals

Closure: Illinois 116, at the Herscher / LaHogue Road intersection, Box culvert replacement, Road closed and detour route posted

Champaign County:

Closure: Interstate 74, bridge replacement under Illinois 49 (South) north of Ogden. A marked route detour is in effect.

Dewitt County:

Illinois 10, culvert replacements at 0.9 miles east of Illinois 48 & 0.3 miles north of Illinois 10 at Weldon. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction with one lane of traffic open. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

Douglas County:

- US 36, bridge replacement at Hackett Branch 2.4 miles east of Interstate 57. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction with one lane of traffic open. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

McLean County:

Closure: US 150, bridge replacement at Kickapoo Creek northwest of Downs. A marked route detour is in effect.

- Interstate 55, bridge repair over US 51 Business, 0.5 miles and 0.7 miles east of US 51, 0.4 miles west of US 51, and 0.3 miles west of Old 51. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

Piatt County:

- Illinois 10, bridge rehabilitation at Madden Creek 0.5 miles east of Lodge. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction with one lane of traffic open. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

Vermillion County:

- Illinois 49, bridge replacement at the Little Vermillion River 4 miles south of Homer. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction with one lane of traffic open. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

- Illinois 9, resurfacing from Hoopeton to the Indiana State line with a culvert replacement and a thin concrete overlay. Work is being completed utilizing stage construction with one lane of traffic open. Temporary concrete barriers are in place.

Bond County:

- IL 140/127 will be reduced to one lane at the structure carrying IL 140/127 over Little Shoal Creek, approximately 0.5 miles west of Greenville. Temporary traffic signals will control one-way traffic through the work zone. This lane reduction is necessary to replace the existing bridge.

Calhoun County:

- IL 96 West of Kampsville in Calhoun County will be reduced to one lane. Two-way traffic will be maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals.

- IL 100 near South of Kampsville in Calhoun County will be reduced to one lane. Two-way traffic will be maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals.

Clinton County:

- IL 161 will be reduced to one lane at the structure carrying Illinois Route 161 over Sugar Creek, west of Albers. Temporary traffic signals will control one-way traffic through the work zone. This lane reduction is necessary to replace the existing bridge.

Greene County:

- IL 108 east of Carrolton in Greene County will be reduced to one lane. Two-way traffic will be maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals.

Madison County:

- IL 140 west of Cottage Hills, in Madison County, will have a lane reduction in each direction. The lanes are being closed in order to do repairs on the eastbound and westbound structures.

- IL 267 north of Rockbridge will be reduced to one lane. Two-way traffic will be maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals.

Washington County:

- IL 160 will be reduced to one lane to replace the structures carrying IL 160 over Plum Creek and a tributary to Plum Creek near Addieville. Two-way traffic will be maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals.

Alexander County:

Closure: Interstate 57. Mississippi River Bridge. Lane closure for bridge painting

- Illinois 127, 3 miles south of Tamms. One lane temporary bridge with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Franklin County:

- Illinois 149, 3 miles west of Thompsonville. One lane temporary bridge with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Illinois 34, 3.2 miles east of Benton. One lane temporary bridge with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Gallatin County:

- Illinois 1, 0.2 miles south of Omaha. One lane temporary bridge with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Hamilton County:

- Illinois 142, just north of Broughton (2 bridges). One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Jackson County:

- Illinois (Main), west of University Mall in Carbondale. Lane reduction from three lanes to two for Culvert construction

Jefferson County:

Closure: Veteran's Drive east of 42nd Street in Mt. Vernon. Roadway closed due to construction.

Johnson County:

- Illinois 146, 1 mile west of West Vienna. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Massac County:

- Illinois 145, 4 miles south of the Pope County line. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Pope County:

- Illinois 146, 0.5 miles west of IL 145. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Illinois 146, 2.5 miles east of IL 145. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Saline County:

- Illinois 34, 1 mile north of Harrisburg. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Illinois 34, 2 miles north of Harrisburg. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Releigh Road, 2 miles east of Illinois 34. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Old IL 13 near Carrier Mills Blacktop. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Union County:

- US 51, 2 miles north of IL 146. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

White County:

- County Highway 20, County Highway 20 over I-64. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals

Williamson County:

- Illinois 37, 4 miles south of Marion. One lane temporary bridge with traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Illinois 37, just north of Johnson County line. One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals