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## **\*Media Advisory\***

### **McClugage Bridge Arch “Float-In”**

**PEORIA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the arch section of the new eastbound McClugage Bridge (U.S. 150) over the Illinois River at Peoria will be moved from its assembly area and put into place Dec. 19, weather permitting.

The process, which involves floating the 652-foot-wide by 130-foot-high arch section on barges and using tugboats to move it to the bridge piers, is expected to begin at approximately 7 a.m., depending on wind conditions. The eastbound McClugage Bridge is being replaced after more than 70 years of serving the Peoria metro area. Scheduled to open to vehicular traffic in 2024, the new structure will deliver improved capacity and safety, reduced travel times and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

**WHAT:** B-roll and interview opportunities regarding the McClugage Bridge arch “float-in” section of the new bridge being moved from its assembly area to the new piers.  
**All members of the media visiting the project site are required to check in at 2 News Plaza and wear a hard hat and safety vest at all times. (Safety equipment will not be furnished.)**  
The media will not be allowed to use drones.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023  
7-10 a.m.\* **Media must arrive and register between 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.**  
(Approximate start and end times when positioning of arch is estimated to occur.) \*Time may change and is contingent on wind/weather

**WHERE:** McClugage Bridge Project Worksite  
2 News Plaza  
Peoria, Ill. 61614  
After checking-in, media will be directed to the worksite.

Click [here](#) for more information on the McClugage Bridge project.