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U.S. 150 closures for McClugage demolition set for May 15

PEORIA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that, weather permitting, beginning around 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, roads around the McClugage Bridge will close as demolition continues on the old eastbound structure.

The road closures are necessary as the contractor utilizes explosives to sever the steel to the main truss section of the old bridge. The closures are expected to last up to one hour. Traffic will be routed off U.S. 150 at interchange ramps and will be continuously moving. No stopping on U.S. 150 will be allowed. Illinois 29 (Adams Street) will remain open in both directions.

This will be the fifth event to remove components of the old structure. The explosives will be detonated once the roads are closed, the security perimeter is deemed safe and the contractor has performed their final safety checks.

During each of these bridge demolition events the following will be closed to all traffic:

- Both directions of U.S. 150 between Illinois 29 (Adams Street) and Illinois 116
- Ramps from Illinois 116 to westbound U.S. 150
- Lorentz Avenue from Illinois 29 to the Illinois River.

Anyone wishing to watch this or any of the events in person is reminded that a security perimeter around the blast area will be in effect on land and in the water. Pedestrians are also asked to be mindful of venturing onto private property without the property owners' permission.

Drones will be used by the contractor performing this work to verify a safe and successful detonation. As such, civilian drones will be required to stay at least 1,000 feet north of the bridge and at least 300 feet above the ground. Any incursions into this area may cause postponement of

the blast and the drone pilot liable for delays to the contractor. For more information on the project, please visit McClugageBridge.com.

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