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## **IDOT Suspends Lane Closures Over Memorial Day Weekend to Give Motorists a Break**

### ***State and Local Law Enforcers urge drivers to buckle up in the midst of the 2009 "Click It or Ticket" Campaign***

**CHICAGO** - With thousands of people traveling over the upcoming holiday weekend, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that roadwork will be suspended where possible to make for a smoother drive for motorists this Memorial Day weekend. IDOT and the Illinois State Police (ISP) also want to remind travelers to buckle up in the midst of this year's "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

IDOT has opened up various construction zones for the Memorial Day weekend. IDOT restrictions are from 3 p.m., Friday, May 22, through midnight, Monday, May 25.

"Memorial Day weekend is a time when everyone wants to get out and spend time with family and friends and we want to urge drivers as well as passengers to buckle up before hitting the roadways," IDOT Secretary Gary Hannig said. "We ask that drivers allow for extra travel time and get the latest information on construction and travel times before getting on the road. We're opening as many lanes as possible, to keep drivers and workers safe and also to make travel as smooth as possible."

Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits will continue to be in effect 24/7 in all construction zones. Motorists should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present. The minimum fine for speeding in a work zone is \$375, whether there are workers present or not. Posted signs advise motorists of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

During the holiday weekend, drivers will notice more enforcement out on the roadways checking to make sure every driver is buckled up. IDOT and Illinois State Police (ISP) are teaming up with more than 300 local police agencies to mount the largest ever nighttime safety belt enforcement effort in Illinois. During the Memorial Day "Click it or Ticket" mobilization, motorists can expect more than 3,600 safety belt enforcement zones statewide, with almost 700 enforcement zones planned for after dark, the time when surveys show more drivers fail to buckle up.

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**Illinois Department of Transportation**

## **Permanent Work Zones and Closures Remain in Place**

In the greater Chicagoland area, all lanes on the Edens, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Stevenson, Tri-State Tollway (I-94, I-294, I-80) Northwest Tollway (I-90), North-South Tollway (I-355) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), as well as I-80 and I-57 will be open.

However, due to the nature of some projects, there will be construction zones throughout the state that will continue to operate. This work is not expected to impact traffic and will help keep projects on schedule. IDOT is urging motorists to slow down and drive with caution through these work zones. Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect.

Motorists are advised to check IDOT's Web site [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://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).

Areas that will continue to have lane closures are as follows:

### **Cook County:**

Bluff Ave. from Cossitt Ave. to Burlington Ave-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction with detours posted.

IL 21 from Willow Rd. to Sanders-Reconstruction & Bridge Work-One lane open in each direction

IL 72 over Salt Creek Elk Grove Village-Bridge Work-One lane open in each direction

159th St. from Lexington to Fisk in Harvey-Reconstruction-One lane closed northbound on Park Ave

US 6 over I-294 and I-80 ramp to NB I-294in Hazel Crest-Bridge Construction-Traffic will be reduced from 4 lanes (2 in each direction) to one lane in each direction

31st St from Cicero Ave to Kostner Ave in Chicago-Resurfacing-One lane open in each direction

IL 171 interchange with I-55 and over West 47th St. to 55th Street in Summitt-Bridge Construction-Stage Construction, multilane highway, one lane closed in each direction. Should expect delays due to high volume traffic.

Joliet Road over Flagg Creek in Burr Ridge-Bridge Construction-Stage 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 "exist" lane to I-294. Lane shifts through this area.

Cook-Ridge Ave from Clark St to Howard St in Evanston-Resurfacing One lane open in each direction

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Sheridan Rd from 10th St to Isabella St in Wilmette-Reconstruction-SB lanes are closed. Traffic was moved to the NB lanes. One lane open in each direction IL 47 from Cross St. to Bliss Rd.

Sugar Grove-Traffic signal modernization-Road closed. Posted Detour.

Schick Rd. over west branch of DuPage River in Bartlett-Bridge Construction-Road closed. Posted Detour.

State St. at 168th St. in South Holland-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction

Main St. between North Main and State St. in Glenwood- Reconstruction-One lane in each direction.

Oak Park Ave between 159th St and 183rd St in Tinley Park-Reconstruction-Possible intermittent daytime lane closures.

Douglas Ave from 74th to 75th Ave & 59th and Archer Ave. in Summit-Reconstruction-Possible intermittent daytime lane closures

Green Bay Rd. at various locations-Evanston, Wilmette-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction.

#### **DuPage County:**

IL 53 over branch of DuPage River in Glen Ellyn/Lombard-Bridge Construction-One lane open over the bridge w/traffic signal switch to regulate traffic.

Addison Rd. from IL 64 to US 20-Addison-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction with left turn bays.

Thorndale Ave over Salt Creek-Itasca/Wood Dale-Reconstruction-One lane open in each direction.

Intersection of Arlington Heights Rd. & Devon Ave. in Elk Grove Village-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction.

#### **Kane County:**

US 20 (Lake St) at Shales Parkway in Elgin-Bridge Work & Resurfacing-One lane open in each direction

IL 23 over Kishwaukee River-Marengo-Bridge Construction-IL 23 is closed to any through traffic from US 14 in Harvard to IL 176 in Marengo. There is a posted detour for this project.

IL 31 at Wing St. in Elgin-Reconstruction One lane in each direction.

South Municipal Dr. and Galena Blvd. in Sugar Grove-Reconstruction-One lane in each direction.

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US 12 from Rt. 22 to June Terrace in Lake Zurich-Storm Sewer-Stage traffic control set up with a permanent lane closure. Two lanes of traffic are open in each direction.

IL 60 over the Tri-State Tollway & from Riverwoods Rd. Blvd. to Saunders Rd./Field Dr. in Lake Forest Bridge Work, Reconstruction & Resurfacing Two lanes EB & two lanes WB with left turn lanes provided at signalized intersections

US Rte 41, Skokie Highway Over IL Rte 132 Roadway in Gurnee Bridge & Interchange Reconstruction-One lane in each direction on US 41 over IL 132 and on IL 132 under US 41.

Ringwood Rd. between IL 83 & Rollins in Lake Bluff-Resurfacing-Intermittent lane closures.

Erick St. to Pingree Rd. in Crystal Lake-Resurfacing-One lane 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 Route 176-North Chicago-Resurfacing-Intermittent lane closures

Martin Luther King Drive from IL 31 to IL 137 in-North Chicago-Resurfacing-One lane in each direction

Shorewood Rd between IL 83 and Rollins-Grayslake-Widening and Reconstruction Road closed. Detour posted.

Lake-Cook IL 53 (extension) from Lake-Cook Rd. to US 12-Palatine, Arlington Hts. & Unincorporated-resurfacing-One lane open in each direction

**Will County:**

IL 113 over Terry Creek in Custer Park-Bridge Construction-Traffic will be reduced to one lane with temporary signals. Motorists should expect delays.

IL 59 from US 52 (Jefferson St.) to Caton Farm Rd. in Joliet-Traffic signals-2 lane hwy with day time lane closures from Caton Farm Rd to US 52, traffic will be reduce to 1 lane with flaggers. Motorist should expect delays.

I-57 Manhattan-Monee Rd. entrance and exit ramps in Monee-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 Rd & NB I-57 @ Manhattan-Monee Rd. & on SB exit to Manhattan-Monee Rd.

**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.

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**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.

IL 92 (Centennial Expressway) from north of 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 at the IL 2 interchange at the southwest edge of Rockford. Bridge deck repairs to the structure carrying US 20 over IL 2 restricts traffic to one lane in each direction on IL 2.

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 251 (Kishwaukee Street) in Rockford from Harrison Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Interstate 180, west of Hennepin, Bridge painting, One lane open in each direction.

**Grundy County:**

Illinois 47 between Illinois 113 and Interstate 55, THREE Bridge Replacement projects, One lane open across each bridge, controlled by signals.

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**LaSalle County:**

Interstate 39, just north of Illinois 18, Bridge painting, One lane open in each direction.

Illinois 251 bridge over the Illinois River, Bridge painting, CLOSED, detour posted.

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

Marseilles Road over Interstate 80 (Marseilles Interchange), Bridge replacement, One lane open across bridge, controlled by signals.

**Iroquois County:**

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

Illinois 116, at the Herscher / LaHogue Road intersection, Box culvert replacement, CLOSED, Detour posted.

**Knox County:**

US Route 34 bypass bridge over US 150 (Henderson St.) in Galesburg, Bridge Reconstruction, one lane open either direction.

IL 180 just west of Williamsfield, road closed for bridge reconstruction

**Tazewell County:**

US 150 over Little Farm Creek in East Peoria, Bridge reconstruction, two way traffic on temporary detour lanes.

**Woodford County:**

IL 89 over Snag Creek in Washburn, Bridge Reconstruction, One way traffic controlled by signals

IL 251 over Panthers Creek N. of Elpaso, road closed for bridge reconstruction

**Marshall County:**

IL 251 over Sandy Creek N. of Wenona, road closed for bridge reconstruction.

IL 17 over Senachwine Creek W. of Sparland, Bridge reconstruction, one way traffic controlled by signals

**Putnam County:**

IL 26 over Coffee Creek S. of IL 71, Bridge reconstruction, one way traffic controlled by signals

**Fulton County:**

IL 116 over Littlers Creek W. of Farmington, Bridge reconstruction, one way traffic controlled by signals.

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**McDonough County:**

US 67 (S.B.) over Farmers Creek one mile south of the IL 9 and US 67 jct. Rt. Lane closed for bridge work.

**Henderson County:**

US 34 over S. Henderson Creek .3 miles east of IL 94, deck beam work, one way traffic controlled by signals.

IL 94/IL 116 over Ellison Creek 1.8 miles north of Stronghurst, deck beam work, one way traffic controlled by signals

**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.

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

**Vermilion County:** Illinois 49, bridge replacement at the Little Vermilion 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.

**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.

**Adams County:**

US 24 – Quincy Bayview Bridge over the Mississippi River. Bridge maintenance reduces two lanes of one-way traffic to one lane.

**Macoupin County:**

IL 108 over Macoupin Creek, 2 miles east of Carlinville. Bridge reconstruction reduces traffic to one lane controlled by traffic signals.

**Lawrence County:** near Lawrenceville on Route 50 – bridge construction w/ 1 lane traffic and signals east of Lawrenceville on Business 50 – bridge construction w/ 1 lane traffic and signals

East of Lawrenceville on Route 50 – bridge construction and resurfacing

**Fayette County:** south of Vandalia on Route 51 – bridge construction w/ 1 lane traffic and signals

**Macon County** – east of Decatur on I-72 MP 150 to 156 – patching and resurfacing

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**Wayne County** – near Cisne on Route 45 - bridge construction w/ 1 lane traffic and signals

**Clay County** – near Flora on Route 45 - bridge construction w/ 1 lane traffic and signals

**Macon County** – northeast of Argenta on Route 48 – bridge construction w/1 lane traffic and signals

**Moultrie County** – south of Dalton City on Route 128 – bridge construction w/1 lane traffic and signals

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