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## PRESS RELEASE

### **\*\*UPDATE\*\***

#### Westbound I-55/64 Approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in St Clair County

Location – Westbound I-55/64 between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Tudor Avenue in East St. Louis

The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced its plans to close one lane of westbound I-64 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016, weather permitting. The initial stage of work will require a closure of the right lane through November of 2016 and will be followed immediately by the next stage of work, which will require a closure of the left lane until Spring of 2017. During the duration of this work, one lane of traffic will be closed at all times. These lane closures are necessary to construct a new ramp that will connect eastbound traffic from the Martin Luther King Bridge to westbound I-55/64.

Extensive delays are expected at this location during weekday morning rush hours, and motorists are urged to plan accordingly and use alternate routes including the I-70 Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge or the Martin Luther King Bridge. Additional information will be forthcoming as the closure dates approach. Message boards will also be utilized to provide additional and current information.

The contractor on this project is Keeley and Sons of East St Louis, IL. Joseph G. Gasaway is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation in the area. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact him at 618/346-3354.

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