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Brandon Bridge over Des Plaines River in Joliet closed to traffic for emergency repairs

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that Brandon Road Bridge over the Des Plaines River, in Joliet, is closed for emergency repairs. The closure is necessary to replace a mechanical component on the bridge that failed Saturday morning.

A detour will direct motorists to Laraway Road, Chicago Street (Illinois 53), Ruby Street (Illinois 53), Broadway Street (Illinois 53), Theodore Street (Illinois 7), Larkin Avenue (Illinois 7) and U.S. 6. IDOT is working to get all traffic detours signs in place. Please note that this detour is slightly different than previous ones, as the McDonough Street (U.S. 6/52) bridge is currently closed for construction.

The evaluation of the necessary repairs is ongoing. A more definitive timeline for when the bridge can reopen will be announced later.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

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