

District 8 flooding update 5/8

The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the reopening the left lane of northbound US 67 at Illinois 100 in Alton.

The following road and facility closures continue due to the persistent flooding: **Illinois 3 Truck Bypass** (Water Street) in Chester; **Illinois 155** outside of Prairie du Rocher; **Brussels Ferry**; southbound **US 67** in West Alton, Mo. (two-way traffic is established on the northbound Lanes); **Kaskaskia Street** in Chester; **Illinois 100** from US 67 in Alton to Illinois 16 in Jersey County; **Illinois 96** between County Highway 2 and the Pike County line in Calhoun County; **Illinois 100** in Calhoun County just north of the Joe Page Bridge to Pearl; and **Illinois 3** at Mary's River to the Jackson County line in Randolph County.

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois. Based upon current hydrological forecasts, flooding has or may require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region - as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/home/Comm/emergency-road-closures> for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/>.