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PRESS RELEASE

East St. Louis

LOCATION – I-55/70 at Exchange Ave

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that both eastbound and westbound I-55/70 between IL 203 and the I-55/70/64 split in East St. Louis will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction. The nightly lane closures will start Thursday evening, November 1, 2012 and are expected to be completed Saturday morning, November 3, 2012. These lane restrictions are necessary to tighten bolts on the beams over the westbound lanes and to place a concrete barrier wall on the right shoulder of the eastbound lanes.

The lane restrictions will be in place each night from 7:00 PM until 5:00 AM the following morning, weather permitting. Motorists should also expect intermittent 15 minute road closures while the bolts are being tightened over the traffic lanes. Traffic will then be allowed to clear after each closure.

Although delays are expected to be minimal, please consider alternate routes during this period. The Department asks that motorists be patient, reduce speed, and use additional caution when traveling near and throughout this work zone.

The contractor on this project is Fred Weber Construction of Maryland Heights, MO. John Scheibal is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation in this area. If you have questions concerning this project, you may contact him at 618/346-3353.

Additional information is also available at www.stl-traffic.org/

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