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## **MRB team to close section of I-55/I-70 weekend of Aug. 27** *Section of Exchange Avenue closes Aug. 16 to prepare for demolition*

ST. LOUIS – The Illinois Department of Transportation, and its contractor Halverson Construction Inc., will be closing a section of Interstate 55/Interstate 70 to demolish the Exchange Avenue overpass at 9 p.m. Aug. 27.

Crews will close the interstate from just west of Illinois Route 203 to the I-55/I-70/I-64 interchange in East St. Louis during the demolition work. The interstate should reopen by 5 a.m. Aug. 30, 2010.

The detour for the closure is to use Interstate 255 and Interstate 64 to travel around the area.

Additionally, crews will close Exchange Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street in East St. Louis on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010. The ramps from I-55/I-70 to Exchange Avenue and from Exchange Avenue to I-55/I-70 will be closed at that time. While Exchange Avenue is closed, drivers can use 1<sup>st</sup> Street, St. Clair Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup>/10 Street to detour around the work. Work on Exchange Avenue is expected to be complete, and the bridge reopened, in October 2011.

For additional details on work schedules, or this project, contact John Scheibal, IDOT supervising field engineer, at (618) 346-3353.

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