



**PEORIA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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TRIVOLI ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER**

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TO: Peoria County Road Users

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SUBJECT: Report 14, Weekly Construction Update for Week Ending 07/01/2017

Construction that has occurred over the past week is as follows:

- The wingwall extensions were completed.
- Bridge decks forms began to be removed after tests had shown that the concrete was at sufficient strength.
- Drains were installed behind each abutment, and then the abutments were backfilled.
- Tree debris was disposed of.
- Earthwork began on the east and west slopes, north of the new bridge.
- The jobsite was prepared for the State imposed shutdown, which is now assumed to begin on July 1st, provided that the State budget isn't resolved.

Construction that is currently planned for this coming week is as follows:

- No work will be allowed to take place until the State of Illinois passes a budget and until further notice from IDOT.

This project is being funded with federal and county funding. However, the federal funding is funneled through the Illinois Department of Transportation. Due to the lack of a State of Illinois budget, the County has been notified that IDOT is preparing to shut down all federal and state funded construction projects on June 30 unless the State appropriates funding. This project will be included in the shutdown. If the shutdown occurs, and the contractor continues to work, the contractor will never be paid for any work done during the shutdown.

Shutdown of the work will delay the opening of the road. The County urges you to contact your State Legislators, State Senators, the Governor's office and Speaker Madigan's office to let them know your concerns with the shutdown of work on this project.

The project is being overseen by the Peoria County Highway Department. The current estimated completion date is October 2017. Weather and unforeseen conditions will always affect the schedule.