



## **In-depth inspection scheduled on the Milton-Madison Bridge**

*Daytime lane closures needed to perform work*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (August 3, 2009) - Motorists traveling on the US 421 Milton-Madison Bridge across the Ohio River between Milton, Ky. and Madison, Ind. should expect delays beginning Monday, August 3, while a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contractor conducts an in-depth inspection of the structure. Lane closures are possible from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for approximately the next two weeks.

Inspectors with PB Americas Inc. will examine the bridge abutments, piers, deck and steel superstructure. Some parts of the inspection will be performed from underneath the bridge and will not affect traffic.

A 15-ton weight limit was posted on the bridge after a biennial inspection in December 2008 revealed advanced deterioration on various components of the bridge. Vehicles weighing over 15 tons must take an alternate route to cross the Ohio River. The nearest Ohio River bridges are 46 miles downstream in Louisville, Ky. and 26 miles upstream near Vevay, Ind.

Repairs for deterioration discovered during the December inspection are in progress. The bridge will be closed from 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 1 until 5 a.m. on Monday, August 3 to allow for this work. Weight restrictions will be re-evaluated once repairs are complete.

The starting date and duration of inspection may be adjusted for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Dial 511 or log on to [511.ky.gov](http://511.ky.gov) for the latest in traffic and travel information in the commonwealth of Kentucky.