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FIRST BRIDGE CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 2012

Louisville, Ky. (August 3, 2011) – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) today announced the first brief closure during construction of the new Milton-Madison Bridge is scheduled for the spring of 2012.

During the approximate 5-day closure, the temporary approach ramps will be connected to the existing bridge. Construction of the temporary ramp in Madison starts this week.

Drivers are expected to use the temporary ramps for a period of about 5 months. By scheduling the closure next spring, motorists avoid driving on the ramps in the winter with the potential for ice and snow.

The closure was scheduled for next spring based on a combination of factors, including the schedule shift caused by spring 2011 flooding and safety considerations for drivers using the ramps in the winter.

Once the exact date of the first closure is known, it will be made public well in advance. Additionally a public meeting will be held prior to the first closure.

The second closure is expected in late 2012 just before the new bridge reopens to traffic. During that closure – using a method called “truss sliding,” – computer-controlled hydraulic jacks will be used to “slide” the entire 2500-foot long truss superstructure from the downstream piers onto the rehabilitated existing piers.

The Milton-Madison Bridge Project is a bi-state effort between INDOT and KYTC. For more information, visit www.MiltonMadisonBridge.com.

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