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McClugage Bridge is going out with a bang!

Demolition Begins March 27

The Illinois Department of Transportation kicked off the first of six explosive demolition events on March 27 to carefully dismantle the old eastbound bridge.

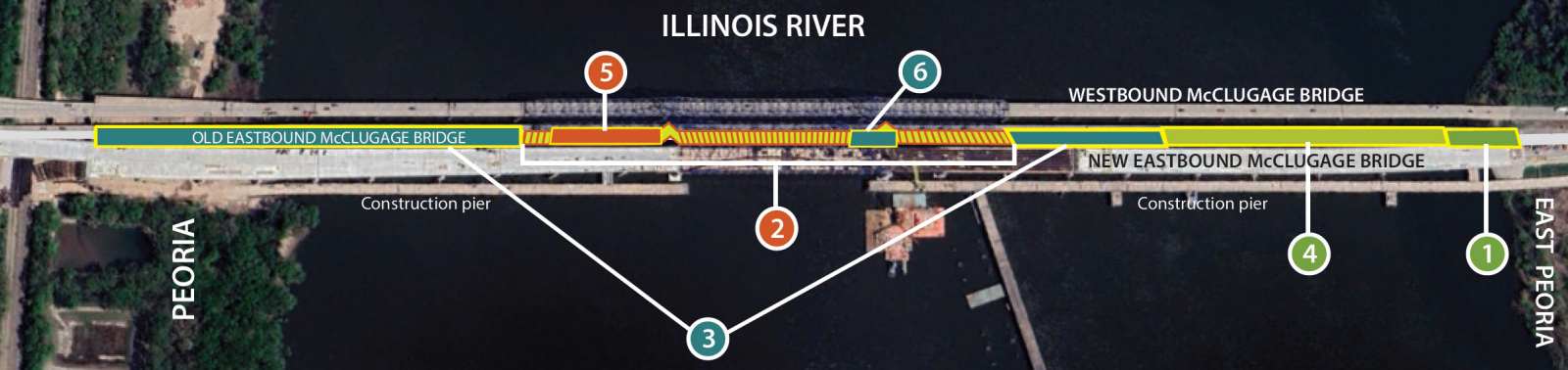
To safely remove the old eastbound McClugage Bridge, a series of six carefully coordinated events using explosives will occur. Each event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on a designated weekday, prompting full bridge closures of both eastbound and westbound spans for about an hour.

WHAT YOU need to know!

Road closures begin just before **10 a.m.** and last up to **one hour.**

Closures include:

- Eastbound U.S. 150 from IL 29 to IL 116
- Westbound U.S. 150 from IL 116 to IL 29
- Ramps from IL 116 to westbound U.S. 150
- Lorentz Avenue from IL 29 to the Illinois River



For more information on **closures** and **restricted areas**, [click here](#).

- 1 BLAST 1** MARCH 27
Steel girders of spans 27-30 on the East Peoria side of the bridge
- 2 BLAST 2** WEEK OF APRIL 7
Main truss
- 3 BLAST 3** WEEK OF APRIL 14
Underdeck trusses adjacent to the left and right sides of main truss
- 4 BLAST 4** WEEK OF APRIL 21
Steel girders of spans 18-26
- 5 BLAST 5** WEEK OF MAY 26
Concrete piers 11 and 12
- 6 BLAST 6** WEEK OF JUNE 9
Concrete pier 13

Dates are weather-dependent. For the most up-to-date information, visit the project website and follow our social media channels.

Want to watch the action?

- A security perimeter will be in place on land and water** — so find a safe, approved viewing spot. For more information on restricted areas, [click here](#).
- Contractor drones will monitor blasts for safety. Civilian drones must stay 1,000 feet north of the bridge and 300 feet high (violators may cause delays and could be liable to the contractor).
- After each blast event, IDOT will share captured footage of all six demolition efforts online.



Enjoy watching the **BLAST 1 VIDEO** [here!](#)

AND THERE'S STILL MORE TO COME!

LANES OPEN
on the new eastbound bridge

DEMOLITION
of the old McClugage

NEW PATH
Multiuse path officially opens



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