



CWLP News Release

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VACHEL LINDSAY BRIDGE TO CLOSE FOR REPAIRS THIS SUMMER

The Vachel Lindsay Bridge at Lake Springfield will be closed to all traffic for restoration work beginning July 5 and going through early November of this year. The bridge, which was built in 1933 and 1934 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is in need of numerous repairs to restore it to its proper state. Repairs on the bridge are extensive and include work on the expansion joints, overlay, balusters, deck, pillars and drains. Sidewalks are being repaired and lighting will be added to this area as well.

This project is necessary to restore this historic bridge to its proper state. Vehicular, bike and pedestrian traffic will not be permitted, so alternate routes will need to be planned via East Lake Shore Drive and West Lake Shore Drive. All scheduled activities will remain intact for Center Park, The Beach House, and the Lindsay Boat Launch while the bridge is closed. Boat traffic will not be affected.

CWLP was awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant (ITEP) through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to cover a portion of the cost of the repairs estimated at \$1.9 million.

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