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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Barge Collides with Julien Dubuque Bridge *Bridge Closed Until Further Notice***

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A barge has struck one of the supports of the Julien Dubuque Bridge in the Mississippi River at Dubuque, Iowa. The bridge is closed to traffic and will remain closed until staff from Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) can fully assess the bridge for damage. IDOT staff expect to begin the inspection Tuesday morning.

The Julien Dubuque Bridge carries two-lane U.S. Highway 20 over the Mississippi River and connects Dubuque, Iowa, and East Dubuque, Illinois. The bridge is expected to be closed through Tuesday

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### UPDATE:

Eastbound US 20 traffic traveling from Iowa to Illinois will be diverted to IA 946 (Locust Street) north to the Locust Street Connector to US 61/151 north (over the Dubuque/Wisconsin Bridge) to WI 11 east to WI/IL 35 south to US20 eastbound.

Westbound US20 Illinois traffic bound for Iowa will be diverted to IL/WI 35 north to WI 11 west (over the Dubuque/Wisconsin Bridge) to US 61/151 south to Locust Street Connector to IA 946 (Locust Street) south to US20 (Dodge Street) westbound.