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I-80 Traffic Rerouted Through Dubuque

Residents Urged to Use Alternate Routes

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque has been notified that, as a result of the volatile flooding situation in the state, the Iowa DOT will be closing Interstate 80 at milepost 266 in Cedar County at 8 p.m. tonight and all I-80 traffic will be rerouted through Dubuque. If at all possible, Dubuque residents are urged to avoid traveling on US 20 (Dodge Street) and US 61/151 (Locust Street) south of Dodge Street while this detour is in effect.

The Iowa DOT is rerouting I-80 traffic as follows:

- **Westbound:** The detour begins at U.S. 61 in the Quad Cities. It continues north on US. 61 to U.S. 20/Dubuque. Then west on U.S. 20 to Interstate 35. Then south on Interstate 35 to Interstate 80 in Des Moines.
- **Eastbound:** The detour begins at Interstate 35 in Des Moines. It continues north on Interstate 35 to U.S. 20, then east on U.S. 20 to U.S. 61 at Dubuque. The detour then travels south on U.S. 61 to Interstate 80 at the Quad Cities.

Heavy traffic, congestion and delays are anticipated on the detour route, especially in Dubuque. This detour will place a significant strain on the traffic capacity of US 20 (Dodge Street) and US 61/151 (Locust Street) in Dubuque. Residents are urged to avoid traveling on US 20 (Dodge Street) and US 61/151 while this traffic is being detoured through Dubuque. Areas especially prone to congestion are expected to be the Locust Street Connector, where US 61/151 and US 20 meet at the Julien Dubuque Bridge, and intersections on US 20/Dodge Street from Hill Street to the western edge of the city.

For the latest updates on road conditions, visit www.511ia.org or call the Iowa DOT's temporary customer service line 866-452-8510, which is operating from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. This phone line is specifically for assisting travelers navigate state roadway closings.

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