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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW US 51 BRIDGE CROSSING OF THE OHIO RIVER NEAR
CAIRO, ILLINOIS IN ALEXANDER COUNTY**

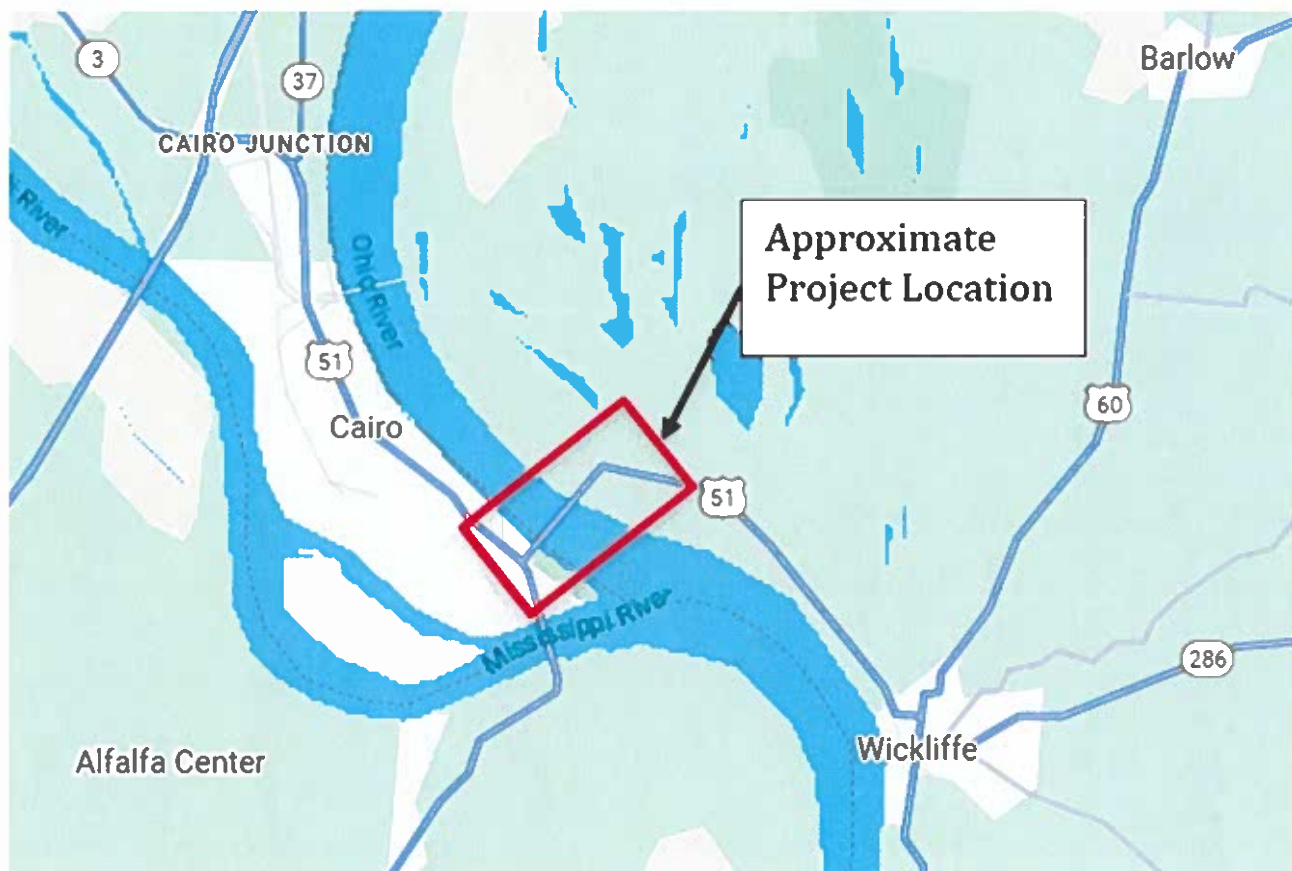
Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) has received an application for a permit from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 and Illinois Department of Transportation, 2801 Murphysboro Road, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 to build a new bridge crossing of the Ohio River. This crossing is located near the City of Cairo in Illinois. A location map is provided on the second page of this notice.

The work in Illinois includes a portion of the proposed bridge and a temporary trestle. The proposed bridge will be located approximately 1000 feet upstream of the existing U.S. 51 bridge crossing of the Ohio River. Plans show a temporary trestle to aid in construction will be placed within 100 feet of the existing bridge and will extend approximately 400 feet into the Ohio River channel.

A navigation exclusion zone to restrict barge fleeting during construction of the project is proposed beginning approximately 200 feet downstream of the existing bridge and ending 200 feet upstream of the proposed bridge.

Demolition of the existing bridge is proposed to occur after the new bridge is completed. Details regarding the demolition, project-related signage, channel restrictions, and any other temporary work are to be provided to IDNR/OWR as they become available.

Inquiries may be directed to Jesse Tinch at 217/782-4545. All interested parties are invited to submit written statements regarding the proposed work to the IDNR/Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271 by **April 1, 2026**.



Credit: Background map obtained from Google Maps.