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Weekend closure of I-180 Illinois River bridge in Hennepin begins Dec. 10

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the Interstate 180 Illinois River Bridge (Gudmund Sonny Jessen Bridge) in Hennepin will be closed overnight starting at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10. The closure is needed to pour concrete on a section of the bridge connecting the eastbound lanes to the westbound lanes and allow it to cure.

A posted detour will direct motorists to Illinois 29, Illinois 89 and Illinois 71 during the work, which is scheduled to be completed by 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13. This work is part of a project to remove and replace the bridge deck on I-180 over the Illinois River. Work on the bridge deck is expected to last into the winter with bridge painting and pier work expected to last through next summer.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing $33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately $5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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