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## **I-80 bridge painting in Ottawa begins July 18**

**OTTAWA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced today that painting of the bridges carrying Interstate 80 over the Illinois Railway in Ottawa will begin, weather permitting, Monday, July 18. The bridges are 2 miles east of the Illinois 23 interchange (exit 90).

One lane eastbound will be closed during the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. 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 in improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway and 270 bridges along with 428 additional safety improvements.

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