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## Illinois 336 intersection work begins July 6

*J-turn conversion will increase safety*

**COLCHESTER** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that construction to reconfigure the intersection of Illinois 336 and McDonough County Road 600E south of Colchester begins July 6.

With a recent history that involves nine crashes and four fatalities since 2015, the intersection will be converted into a partial restricted crossing U-turn intersection, also known as a J-turn.

When complete, southbound traffic on CR 600E wanting to head east on Illinois 336 will first turn right onto westbound Illinois 336 and use the existing left-turn lane to make a U-turn onto eastbound Illinois 336. This configuration reduces the number of conflict points in the intersection, increasing safety.

The first stage involves building a concrete median, which will close northbound CR 600E between Illinois 336 and CR 900N for a week. The entire project is expected to be complete in August.

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 3,500 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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