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## Western Avenue bridge cleaning and painting begins July 11

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a cleaning and painting of the bridge carrying Western Avenue over the Cal Sag Channel, in Blue Island, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, July 11.

To complete the work, Western Avenue will be reduced from two to one lane in both directions at the bridge. The work is expected to be complete in early December.

Motorists can expect occasional delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and nine 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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