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Illinois River bridge work in Ottawa begins June 14

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that repairs to the Illinois 23/71 Illinois River bridge will begin Tuesday, June 14.

Work consists of removing and replacing the bridge expansion joints, deck slab patching and structural repairs. One lane will remain open during the \$2.6 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by fall.

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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