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## Southwest Highway improvements begin April 4

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a project to improve drainage on Southwest Highway (Illinois 7), from 131<sup>st</sup> Street, in Palos Park, to 135<sup>th</sup> Street, in Orland Park, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, April 4.

The project involves constructing new drainage crossings and a storm water overflow area, helping to eliminate area flooding. Motorists can expect shoulder closures with occasional brief lane closures. Access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained throughout construction, which is anticipated to be completed in June.

Motorists can expect 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 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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