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Maple Street/Waldron Road over I-57 bridge replacement begins this week in Kankakee

KANKAKEE– The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a project to replace the Maple Street/Waldron Road bridge over Interstate 57, in Kankakee, will begin, weather permitting, this week. Maple Street/Waldron Road will be reduced to one lane between East Duane Boulevard and County Road S089E, with traffic controlled by temporary signals.

The bridge is a half-mile south of the Illinois 17 interchange (exit 312). The project consists of lengthening the bridge and widening Maple Street/Waldron Road to add a shared bicycle and pedestrian path. Additionally, I-57 at the bridge will be widened to accommodate the eventual expansion from four to six lanes.

Starting March 14, weather permitting, I-57 will be reduced to one lane in each direction between the Kankakee River and North Street.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed in summer 2023, weather permitting.

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 3,535 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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