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## **I-57 bridge reconstruction in Kankakee**

**KANKAKEE** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a two-year, \$23.5 million replacement of the Interstate 57 bridges over Grinnell Road and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, in Kankakee, begins March 15, weather permitting. The bridges, one mile north of the Illinois 17 interchange (exit 312), are one of two projects on I-57 starting this year in Kankakee.

Between the Kankakee River and North Street (mile markers 311 and 314), I-57 will be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted onto southbound I-57 as work begins to reconstruct the northbound bridges. Grinnell Road will be closed between Stanford Drive and Eastgate Industrial Parkway.

The northbound bridges are expected to be completed by December, weather permitting. The southbound bridges will be replaced in 2023. The \$23.5 million project also will widen I-57 to accommodate six lanes in the future.

Another project, a \$11.3 million replacement of the Maple Street/Waldron Road bridge over I-57 in Kankakee, began March 7. The bridge, located a half-mile south of the Illinois 17 interchange (exit 312), will be lengthened to accommodate future expansion of I-57 and widened to accommodate a shared-use path. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2023.

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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